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'The Don' bows out



Donald Trump

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Donald J. Trump announced on Monday that he would not seek the presidency, a development less important for the Republican field or his national political future – if he ever had one – than for what it said about a media culture that increasingly seems to give the spotlight to the loudest, most outrageous voices.

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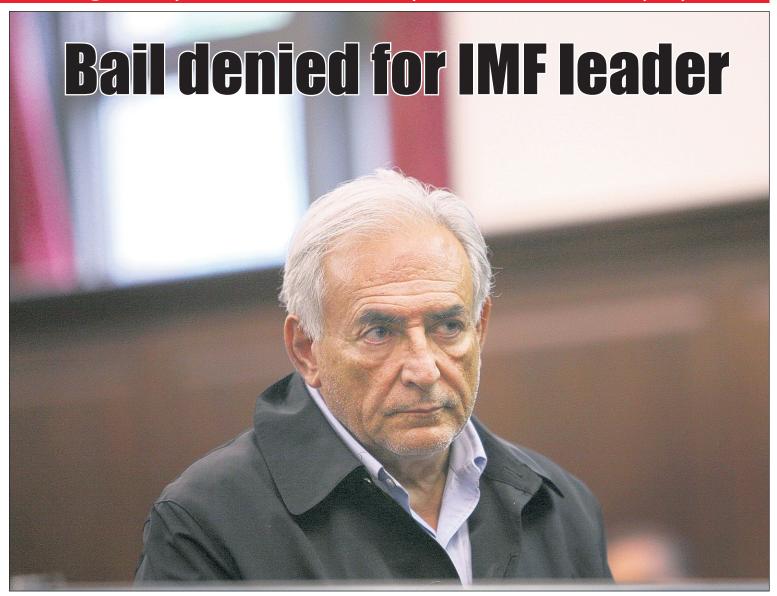
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NEW YORK - Dominique Monetary Fund, was ordered he had sexually assaulted a on Monday to be held without bail over allegations that at a Midtown hotel.

housekeeper in a lavish suite

Miami imam to plead not guilty

DON VAN NATTA Jr © 2011 New York Times

MIAMI - The 76-year-old imam of South Florida's oldest mosque will plead not guilty to charges of financing terrorism in Pakistan, his defense lawyer said on Monday. After a hearing in Federal District Court here, Khurrum Wahid, the lawyer for the imam, Hafiz Muhammed Sher Ali Khan, pleaded with the community not to prejudge his client.

Khan, the leader of the Miami Mosque in west Miami, was charged along with two of his sons and three other people



with providing material assistance to the Pakistani Taliban from 2008 to 2010.

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The decision to deny bail was a surprising and striking defeat for Strauss-Kahn, whom many saw as a leading contender to become France's next president. He was taken to Rikers Island, where he will be held in protective custody in a single-person cell. Prosecutors had asked the Criminal Court judge, Melissa C. Jackson, to remand Strauss-Kahn, 62, contending that he was a flight risk. They also indicated that he may have been previously involved in a similar episode. "Some of this information includes reports he has in fact engaged in conduct similar to the conduct alleged in this complaint on at least one other occasion," said Artie McConnell, an assistant district attorney.

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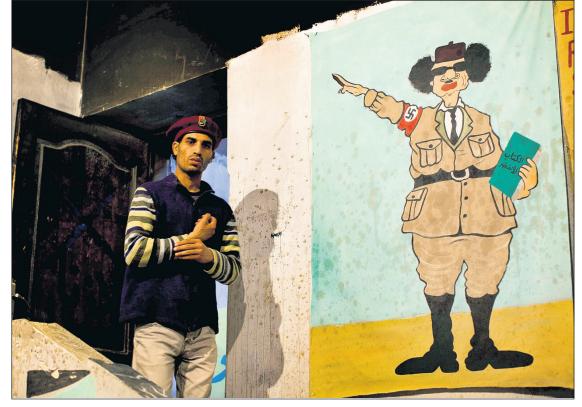
The prosecutor of the International Criminal Court in The Hague on Monday sought arrest warrants for Moammar Gadhafi of Libya, one of his sons and Gadhafi's brotherin-law on charges of orchestrating systematic attacks against civilians that amount to crimes against humanity.

The chief prosecutor, Luis Moreno-Ocampo, said Gadhafi, his son Seif al-Islam Gadhafi and his brother-in-Abdullah al-Sanousi formed an inner circle that crushed peaceful demonstrations and ordered the use of live ammunition and heavy weapons against protesters.

Moreno-Ocampo said 'he had "direct evidence" that the three men had held meetings to plan and direct the operations. Gadhafi's "second-eldest son, Seif al-Islam, is a de facto prime minister, and Abdullah al-Sanousi is his right-hand man, his executioner," the prosecutor said.

A three-judge panel will decide whether to issue arrest warrants.

Moreno-Ocampo seemed to send a clear message from Western governments when he said that it was not up to others, or NATO, but to Liby-



A rebel walks next to a cartoon depicting Moammar Gadhafi as Adolf Hitler, holding a book titled 'My green book' in the rebel Media Center in Benghazi, Libya, Monday, May 16, 2011. Luis Moreno-Ocampo, prosecutor of the International Criminal Court in The Hague, announced Monday that he would seek arrest warrants against the leader of Libya, Moammar Gadhafi, his son Seif al-Islam and the country's intelligence chief on charges of crimes against humanity.

ans themselves to make any arrests.

It was unclear what effect the court's action would have on the NATO-led bombing campaign in Libya, which has moved closer to the hiding places of the country's leadership.

NATO officials were not available at the alliance's headquarters in Brussels on

Monday night to say whether an arrest warrant would embolden them to intensify airstrikes on Libya's commandand-control centers and, by extension, against Gadhafi and his son and brother-inlaw.

But Oana Lungescu, the senior NATO spokeswoman, said by email that the court's announcement was "further (AP Photo/Rodrigo Abd)

proof that the international isolation of the Gadhafi regime is growing every day." She added, "It is hard to imagine that a genuine transition in Libya can take place while those responsible for widespread and systematic attacks against the civilian population remain in power."

At a news conference at The Hague, the prosecutor hinted he had received intelligence from other governments, from Libvans outside the country and recently from "a lot of phone calls from inside Libya," but he said his office was not taking evidence from witnesses inside the country "because they can be killed." There was so much evidence, Moreno-Ocampo said, that "we're almost ready for trial." Jalal al-Gallal, a spokesman for the rebels' Transitional National Council, said he hoped that news of the arrest warrants might spur NATO to widen its bombing campaign. "I honestly believe it has to be continuous, relentless," al-Gallal said.

"I think they realize it. They need to intensify now."

Officials in Tripoli have already said they will ignore any of the court's decisions, and there appears little chance that any of the three men named could be arrested at home any time soon.

Libya is not among the 114 countries that recognize the court.

But in this case, the charges against Libyan leaders carry additional weight because it was the U.N. Security Council that unanimously decided in February to instruct the court to investigate the crackdown against civilians.

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McConnell added that the other occasion, which occurred outside the United States, was still being investigated. In opposing bail, prosecutors highlighted the serious nature of the allegations. "The defendant restrained a hotel employee inside of the room," McConnell said. "He sexually assaulted her and attempted to forcibly rape her," and when that failed, McConnell said, he forced her to perform oral sex. McConnell also said that he saw a video of Strauss-Kahn leaving the Sofitel New York, on West 44th Street, after the time alleged for the attack. "Itappears to be a man who was in a hurry," McConnell said. As he entered the courtroom, Strauss-Kahn looked just as he had the day before - in a dark full-length



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coat, hands cuffed behind his back and a stern gaze on his face. He did not enter a plea during the proceeding, nor did he speak aloud. The criminal complaint says that Strauss-Kahn shut the door and prevented the

woman from leaving, grabbing her breasts, trying to pull down her pantyhose grabbing her crotch. "The victim provided very powerful details consistent with violent sexual assault committed by the defendant,'

McConnell said, adding that she told hotel staff members and law enforcement authorities what had happened shortly after the attack. The woman was examined after the episode, and law enforcement officials were processing evidence from the hotel room, McConnell said. Preliminary indications, Mc-Connell said, was that forensic evidence supported "the victim's version of events." Benjamin Brafman, Strauss-Kahn's lawyers, argued that "this is a very, very defensible case. He should be entitled to bail." He suggested that it be set at \$1 million, and said that Strauss-Kahn's wife, Anne Sinclair, who was flying in from Paris on Monday afternoon, would provide the money. The defense team already has found significant issues with the case, Brafman said,

Nor did he suggest – as some in the French news media have - that Strauss-Kahn was a victim of a setup. Brafman added that although his client was arrested on an Air France plane that was about to take off from Kennedy International Airport on Saturday, he was not trying to flee.q Brafman said that Strauss-Kahn's travel plans had been set for some time, and he indicated that there was evidence that between the time of the alleged attack and his flight, Strauss-Kahn was in the area of the hotel, taking care of other business. He also said that his client had a lunch meeting near the hotel after the time the housekeeper had given for the attack, and that his lunch partner would be able to testify. In addition, he said, the hotel security found out he was at the airport only after he volthough he did not elaborate. unteered where he was.



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DONALD TRUMP

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Trump spent months earnestly portraying himself as a potential nominee for a party whose coalition includes family values activists, antigambling religious leaders and deficit hawks, some of whom might just have blanched at his two divorces, casino holdings, penchant for debt financing and formerly liberal positions on some issues.

To some degree he succeeded, using a combination of attributes that made him uniquely qualified to capitalize on the times: Near universal name recognition (enhanced by his prime-time berth on NBC as the host of "Celebrity Appren-

tice"), gobs of cash and two decades of experience putting his outsize personality to use in the service of headline creation, starting in the pre-Internet era with the New York City tabloids.

"The media made him, the media kept promoting him," said Stuart Spencer, a former political strategist for Ronald Reagan. Speaking of the proliferation of news outlets interested in politics, Spencer, 84 and admittedly fascinated by the new landscape, lamented, "There's no referee anymore to evaluate what are serious issues and what are serious candidates."

Trump and his aides say he

was dead serious about making a run. But, they said, before Trump could figure out whether the White House was his golden ring he was confronted with the pile of gold NBC was offering for a continued role in "Celebrity Apprentice." As much as associates said Trump wanted to keep his political options open longer, the network needed him to make a decision by Monday, when it was announcing its fall television schedule to major advertisers in its annual presentation in New York. "Celebrity Apprentice" is one of its most important programs, and the network would not be able to line up sponsorship commitments as easily with Trump as a "maybe." A senior NBC executive

A senior NBC executive said the network believed it had convinced Trump to stay on as of last week, though there was a brief period of doubt over the weekend after former Gov.



After months of flirting with politics, Trump said Monday, May 16, 2011, that he won't run for president, choosing to stick with hosting "The Celebrity Apprentice" over entering the race for the Republican nomination.

(AP Photo/Jim Cole, File)

Mike Huckabee of Arkansas said he would not run. "Donald started saying: 'Huckabee's out. Maybe I should stay in this thing," said the executive, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Television industry executives

with knowledge of his negotiation said Trump's new contract could bring him as much as \$30 million over all, and other estimates published Monday put that figure at upwards of \$50 million.

MIAMI

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"The public may have preconceived notions," Wahid said. "I would ask the public to keep an open mind, and remember that everyone is innocent until proven guilty in this country." As he sat in the jury box's first row in Magistrate Judge Barry L. Garber's courtroom, Khan, who has a long, snow-white beard and wears thick, blackrimmed glasses, appeared frail and confused (the proceedings were translated in Khan's native Urdu). On at least two occasions, Khan tried to say something to court personnel and he struggled to walk to the lectern to face the judge.

He suffers from a heart condition, failing eyesight and diabetes, his lawyer said. "We're very concerned about his health." Wahid said.

One of Khan's sons, Izhar Khan, 24, the imam of a mosque in Margate, Fla., sat near his father in the jury box.

Both men appeared in court for the first time since their federal indictment was unsealed late last week.

The indictment says the accused conspired to provide material support to a conspiracy to murder, maim and kidnap people overseas, including planning to funnel at least \$50,000 to the Pakistani Taliban. The Pakistani Taliban, which the State Department has named a terrorist organization, took responsibility for a suicide attack in Pakistan on Friday that killed more than 80 cadets from a government paramilitary force.

Of the 50 largest terrorism cases in the United States since Sept. 11, 2001, about 70 percent have involved financing or other support for terrorist groups, according to the Center on Law and Security at the New York University School of Law.

US hits credit limit, setting up 11-week fight

By PAUL WISEMAN, AP Writer

WASHINGTON – The government has maxed out its credit card.

The United States reached its \$14.3 trillion limit on federal borrowing Monday, leaving Congress 11 weeks to raise the threshold or risk a financial panic or another recession.

Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner formally notified Congress that the government would halt its investments in two federal pension plans so it won't exceed the borrowing

Geithner said the government could get by with book-keeping maneuvers like that through Aug. 2. After that, the government could default on its debt for the first time, threatening the national credit rating and the dollar.

Geithner sent Congress a letter saying he would be unable to make the pension investments in full. He urged Congress to raise the debt limit "in order to protect the full faith and credit of the United States and avoid catastrophic economic consequences for citizens."

Republican leaders in the House have said they won't raise the debt limit unless the Obama administration first agrees to big spending cuts or to steps to lower the debt over the long run.

House Speaker John Boehner repeated the pledge in a statement Monday. The statement did not address Geithner's warning about what would happen if the limit were not raised.

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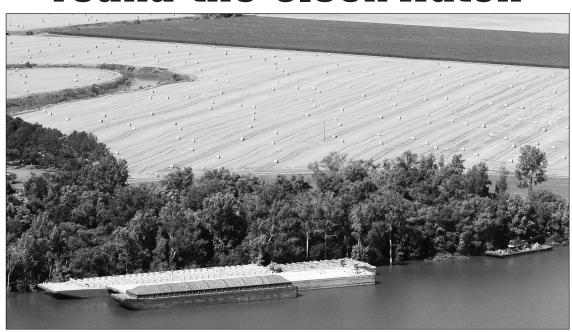
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Levees, floodwalls require round-the-clock watch



Barges tie up along farm land, unable to move on the Atchafalaya River due to flooding. The Morganza spillway's opening diverted water from heavily populated New Orleans and Baton Rouge — along with chemical plants and oil refineries along the Mississippi's lower reaches — easing pressure on the levees there in the hope of avoiding potentially catastrophic floods.

(AP Photo/The Lafayette Daily Advertiser, P.C. Piazza)

KEVIN McGILL, **Associated Press**

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — All along the swollen Mississippi River, hundreds of thousands of lives depend on a small army of engineers, deputies and even prison inmates keeping round-the-clock watch at the many floodwalls and earthen levees holding the water back.

They are looking for any droplets that seep through the barriers and any cracks that threaten to turn small leaks into big problems. The work is hot and sometimes tedious, but without it, the flooding that has caused weeks of misery from Illinois to the Mississippi Delta could get much worse. "I volunteered for this," said jail inmate Wayne McClinton, who was helping with the sandbagging effort in northern Louisiana's Tensas Parish. "It's a chance to get out in the air, to do something different. It's not boring like prison is." To take pressure off levees near Baton Rouge and New Orleans, engineers have opened two major spillways. After water was released over the weekend at the Morganza spillway near Baton Rouge, deputies and National Guardsmen fanned out to warn residents in its path, most of whom have heeded the call to seek higher ground.

Bernadine Turner, who lives in a mandatory evacuation zone near Krotz Springs, spent a third day Monday moving her things out. Water was not expected to reach the town about 40 miles (65 kilometers) west of Baton Rouge for several days, but most residents were taking no chances. "There's no doubt it's going to come up. We don't have flood insurance, and most people here don't. Man, it would be hard to start all over," she said. Snow melt and rain have sent a relentless torrent of water down the Mississippi this spring. On Monday, President Barack Obama flew to Memphis, Tennessee, to comfort families affected when the river rose last week to within inches (centimeters) of the record set in 1937. Some low-lying neighborhoods were inundated, but levees protected much of the rest. Downriver in Mississippi and Louisiana, the crews keeping watch on floodwalls and levees included those from the Army Corps of Engineers, various local levee districts, county sheriffs, municipal police forces and private security details.

U.S. Briefs

Italian climber dies in fall on Mount McKinley

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — A 67-year-old mountain climber from Italy died Monday morning on Mount McKinley, the second fatality in five days. The National Park Service says mountaineers at the 17,200-foot (5,240-meter) high camp saw the climber fall from Denali Pass near the 18,000-foot (5,400-meter) level. Park Service mountaineering ranger Matt Hendrickson and three patrol members responded and confirmed that Luciano Colombo of Mandello, Italy, died of traumatic injuries in a 1.000-foot (300-meter) fall. Colombo had begun the traverse from Denali Pass to the 17,200-foot camp along a 45-degree slope of hard, windblown snowpack. He was travelling ahead of his two teammates and was not roped. His body was taken to the 17,200-foot high camp. On Thursday, a Swiss climber was found dead at 18,000 feet (5,400 meters). The cause has not been determined.

Madoff wine collection to be auctioned online

NEW YORK (AP) — Pair your next filet mignon with a red wine from disgraced financier Bernard Madoff's exclusive cellar. The U.S. Marshals in the Southern District of New York announced Monday that Madoff's wine and spirit collection will be auctioned online. Proceeds of the sales are to go to his victims. The auction is scheduled for Wednesday. Madoff is serving a 150-year prison sentence for masterminding a multibillion-dollar Ponzi scheme that robbed hundreds of victims around the world of their investments. The U.S. Marshals have also announced that they will be holding a live auction of the contents of Madoff's former mansion in Palm Beach, Florida, on June 4.

Judge rules against California gun advocates

SACRAMENTO, California (AP) — A federal judge ruled Monday there is no constitutional right to carry a hidden gun in public — a decision that dealt a setback to gun-rights advocates who had challenged how much discretion California law enforcement officials have in issuing concealed weapons permits. U.S. District Court Judge Morrison England Jr. in Sacramento supported a policy by Yolo County Sheriff Ed Prieto that says applicants must have a reason, such as a safety threat, to legally carry a concealed weapon in his county northwest of Sacramento. Prieto was sued by opponents claiming sheriffs, who issue most concealed weapons permits, must give the documents to any applicant as long as they are not mentally ill, do not have a criminal background and complete a training course.



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Emanuel sworn in as mayor of Chicago

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CHICAGO – As a cast of top

Washington figures looked on, Rahm Emanuel was sworn in Monday as mayor of Chicago, offering praise to the longtime mayor he succeeds but mainly promising sweeping change.

"New times demand new answers," Emanuel told a crowd in Millennium Park, the city's centerpiece beside Lake Michigan. "Old problems cry out for better results."

Among those present: Vice President Joe Biden; Hilda L. Solis, the secretary of labor; Timothy F. Geithner, the Treasury secretary; Ray LaHood, the secretary of transportation; and William Daley, the White House chief of staff. The familiar faces reminded Chicagoans (once again) that their new mayor, a former White House chief of staff and a former House Democrat, can call Washington whenever he pleases.

"That linkage is going to help the city a lot," said Sen. Richard J. Durbin, D-Ill.

Only a day or two after the mayoral election, Durbin said, he got a call from Emanuel, who wanted him to call President Barack Obama on behalf of Chicago. The city was hoping to secure one of the space shuttles that are being retired and shipped to museums around the country.

"I felt like saying, 'Rahm, if I needed help with the president, I'd ask you to call him," Durbin said.

President, in personal terms, honors new graduates



President Barack Obama congratulates a student as diplomas are presented at the commencement ceremony for Booker T. Washington High School on Monday, May 16, 2011, in Memphis, Tenn. After the school administration implemented educational changes, the graduation rate jumped from 55 percent in 2007 to nearly 82 percent in 2010.

MARK LANDLER
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MEMPHIS, Tenn. – The
graduating class of Booker
T. Washington High School
was getting a last-minute pep
talk from its principal, Alisha

Kiner, on Monday, just before

(AP Photo/Mark Humphrey)

the ceremony began, when an out-of-town visitor dropped by to offer his own words of encouragement.

"You inspire me," President Barack Obama said to the 155 students, who stopped flicking the tassels on their green and gold mortar boards to give him a deafening cheer. "That's why I'm here."

Obama later addressed the Booker T. Washington class of 2011 in a more formal fashion, delivering a commencement speech in which he emphasized the importance of education in a competitive world. He spoke in personal terms of how it had transformed his own life. And he praised the students of this historically black high school, many of whom struggled with poverty and broken homes, for earning a diploma.

"Yes, you're from South Memphis," Obama said to the enthusiastic audience at the Memphis convention center. "Yes, you've always been underdogs. No one has handed you a thing. But that also means that whatever you accomplish in your lives, you will have earned it."

Booker T. Washington earned the privilege of having the president as its speaker by winning the White House's Race to the Top challenge, which is designed to reward improvement in graduation rates. In 2010, nearly 82 percent of the school's students graduated, compared with 51 percent in 2005 – even as the neighborhood around the school frayed economically and the number of its students living under the poverty line rose.

The president's four-hour visit to Memphis allowed Obama to highlight one of his major domestic initiatives, secondary education, as well as offer sympathy to victims of the recent flooding of the Mississippi River. Last week Obama declared 15 Tennessee counties federal disaster areas, making them eligible for aid money.

Before the graduation ceremony, the president sat down for 35 minutes with a round-table gathering of victims, as well as emergency workers and local officials. He listened as people described having to evacuate their homes, and move in with relatives, as the waters rose around them.

Tea party bid shakes up house race

RAYMOND HERNANDEZ © 2011 New York Times

People in western New York used to roll their eyes when the name Jack Davis came up. Davis, a wealthy industrialist, spent over \$5 million of his own money on failed efforts to win a seat in Congress. He once said he would take a baseball bat to anyone who sent a sexually suggestive message to his children. He also predicted that states with large numbers of Mexican immigrants would secede and start a second Civil War.

But these days, few are writing off Davis.

A special election fight over a House of Representatives seat, which has attracted big money and huge interest from both parties, now appears to hinge on him. Running as a Tea Party candidate, Davis, 78, is siphoning support from the Republican candidate – so much so that Republicans privately concede that if they do not stop him, they could hand the Democrats a seat that they have not held for 50 years.

With a week remaining in the race, Republican heavyweights like House Speaker John Boehner of Ohio and conservative organizations, including one with ties to Karl Rove, are questioning Davis' conservative credentials in television advertisements, news conferences and elsewhere.

Davis' ascension comes as a race that had once seemed a certain Republican victory has become fiercely competitive because of a House Republican plan that calls for overhauling Medicare.

The election, in the 26th Congressional District, which stretches from the western suburbs of Rochester to the villages and towns northeast of Buffalo, is to fill a seat va-

cated by a Republican

Boehner took a veiled swipe at Davis during a visit to western New York to campaign with the Republican candidate, Jane Corwin. Then, several national conservative organizations began directing attacks at Davis, who has switched parties multiple times. In recent days, national and local Republican operatives have circulated a video that they claim shows Davis assaulting a young Republican volunteer who tracked him with a camera - an accusation the Davis camp says is untrue and a smear attempt. Tuesday, May 17, 2011 U.S. NEWS

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After more than three months of preflight drama including the attempted assassination of a congresswoman and questions about whether her astronaut husband would be able to fulfill his mission, Mark Kelly rode his space shuttle into orbit Monday as Gabrielle Giffords watched.

And, in what has come to be a hallmark of the couple who have toiled to overcome adversity, they did it with flying colors.

Kelly, who commanded the nearly flawless final launch of the shuttle Endeavour, called on the nation to commit to space exploration, while Giffords' aides delivered a glowing report on her rehabilitation that they say continues to defy expectations.

At a post-launch news conference, Giffords' chief of staff, Pia Carusone, said the Arizona congresswoman can understand "close to everything" said to her, sounds normal and has continued to improve during her recovery from a gunshot wound to the head.

"She understands, if not everything, close to everything," Carusone said. "There's hardly a moment that we have that we feel like she's not quite grasping - to the point that she understands sarcastic humor, which, as we all know, that's generally a more complex ability to comprehend." The news added an exclamation point to an achievement - merely showing up at the launch - that, on its own, would have been unthinkable after the congresswoman was shot at close range while meeting with constituents at a Tucson,



The space shuttle Endeavour lifts off from Kennedy Space Center in Florida on May 16, 2011. Edeavour's final flight is led by Capt. Mark Kelly, Rep. Gabrielle Giffords's husband, the mission is headed to the International Space Station.

(Philip Scott Andrews/The New York Times)

Ariz., supermarket on Jan. 8, Giffords' staff members and friends said.

Eighteen others were wounded, six fatally, in the shooting. Mark Kimble, a Giffords spokesman, was standing less than 10 feet from Giffords when she was shot. He was in Florida on Monday to see the launch and met with Giffords afterward.

deficit in half, Brown says

JENNIFER MEDINA © 2011 New York Times

SACRAMENTO, Calif. - After months of doomsday scenarios and apocalyptic warnings about cuts to California schools, parks and police, the news from Gov. Jerry Brown on Monday was nothing short of startling: California is now expected to see \$6.6 billion more in revenue over the next two years than had been expected. But Brown was careful not to make the news sound too good. The added revenue will eat into the budget deficit, which is \$15 billion, but is not nearly enough to erase it. So the state will still need to extend some taxes that were set to expire, he said, in order to deal with its "wall of debt."

However, the new revenue projections allowed the governor, in his revised budget proposal, to ease the state's tax bite and to restore some spending for public education, rather than present what many had expected: a draconian proposal for deeper and harsher budget cuts to close the state's huge budget gap.

No matter how good the news might be for the state financially, it certainly complicated Brown's life as he continued to insist that the state needed to extend expiring taxes. Even before Monday's development, when things had looked impossibly bleak, Brown had been struggling to win the four Republican votes he needed to get his tax plan to voters for their approval. Despite the higher projected revenues, he said he still hoped for a vote on his plan. "Our finances were plunged into turmoil by the Great Recession and a decade of short-term fixes and fiscal gimmicks," Brown said. "This is not the time to delay or evade. This is the time to put our finances in order."

For the past several weeks, Republicans have been arguing that it is possible to pay for basic services without tax increases, and Monday they were already using the higher revenue projections to buttress their position.

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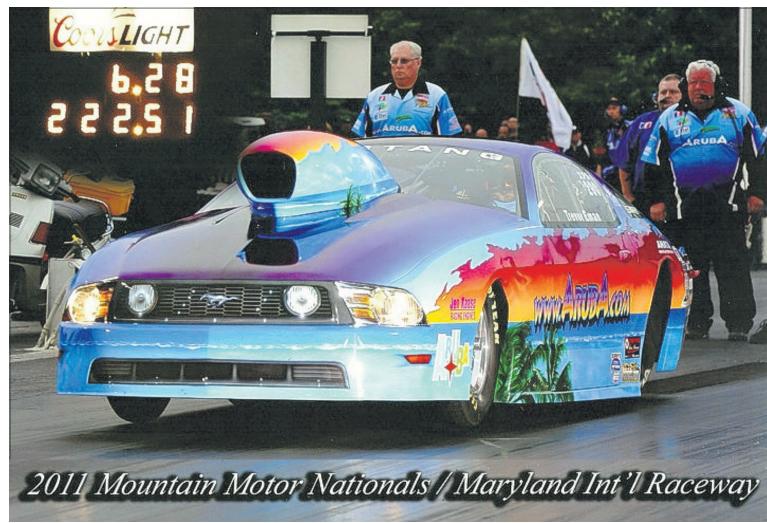
By Peter W. Fong
Special to Aruba Today
ORANJESTAD - When my
father scheduled a visit to
Aruba in February, I knew we
would fish. We have fished
together for nearly half a century, beginning in the year
when the Beatles first toured
America and the first jet aircraft landed in Aruba.

My initial instinct was to head offshore: into the blue water that looked so promising during last October's Presidential Billfish Challenge. I volunteered as an observer for that all-release tournament, where I was lucky enough to watch the Driftwood team of Marcelo Heyden, Herbert Merryweather, Anthony Pinzon, and Garrick Robles score on both sailfish and white marlin. When I spoke to Anthony, the mate on the 36-foot J-String (593-1409), he reported that the fishing for Wahoo had been good, but he and his father were already chartered for the next few days.

I considered inshore next, which in Aruba can mean bonefish and tarpon, but Laurenz Mook—the island's only fly-fishing guide (flyfishingaruba.com)—also was fully booked. Laurenz recommended that I try "that boat in the harbor," the one with the big sign that reads "BOTTOM FISHING."

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Quarter-mile racing suits mean and Team Aruba



BUDDS CREEK, Md. - Though rain continually threatened to steal the show at the Mountain Motor Nationals, fans and racers alike enjoyed the thrill of the quarter-mile action, now reserved for this once-a-year event. Team Aruba certainly thrived at Maryland International Raceway, hardly missing a beat the entire weekend.

Pass after pass Trevor Eman and the Aruba.com Mustang went straight down Broadway, never shaking the tires or failing to make a complete run. They posted excellent 60 ft times consistently in the .960 range and as quick as .957. As one of the only teams to do make consistently competitive runs, they qualified second with a 6.281 at 222.51, less than a hundredth behind John Pluchino's 6.272. This is the team's best run to date with the 2011 Jerry Haas Mustang they debuted at the beginning of this year.

Team Aruba kept up their impressive runs in eliminations. When Kevin Bleako couldn't make the call in round one, Eman cruised into round two with a 6.331, the second quickest pass that round. This earned Eman the bye run in round two, but he was not to be outdone and posted the quickest elapsed time this

round, a 6.315. After this, the rain set in and the semis and finals were postponed until Sunday.

The semis were no easy task for Eman as he faced off against Cary Goforth, arguably one of the best Mountain Motor racers in the world right now. Goforth was trying hard for the win, posting a 6.354. Eman fell off of his pace from Saturday to a 6.386. However, the starting line made all the difference. Eman bested Goforth by more than three hundredths in reaction, giving him a .002 margin of victory. John Pluchino had worked his way through the other side of the ladder to meet Eman in the finals. Unfortunately, Eman's quick reaction would come back to bite him, as he went .010 red giving Pluchino the Mountain Motor Nationals victory.

"All in all it was a great weekend," told Eman. "We were very happy with our performance. We made a lot of runs and were one of the very few teams that made it down the track every time. I wish things would have worked out differently in the finals to get our first win this year, but I'm also happy for Pluchino. Those guys did a great job as well."

"It was a real pleasure to have Trevor,

his family and team here at the Mountain Motor Nationals," relayed Royce Miller, owner of MIR. "Not only did he run extremely well, qualifying number two with an awesome 6.28 at 222 mph and made it to the final, but he represented his home of Aruba well.

I am even looking into taking a scuba diving trip to Aruba in the not to distant future. If all the folks in Aruba are as great as the Eman's I can't wait to get there. I am also looking forward to seeing them again at next year's Mountain Motor Nationals."

"It's always fun to race at Royce's track," Trevor added. "He puts a lot of effort into making it a great show for everyone. I hate that the rain put a damper on the event, but hopefully we can come back next year and make up for it. The fans really love to see Mountain Motor Pro Stocks on the quarter-mile. Many of the long-time IHRA followers were coming up to me all weekend saying they missed seeing us out there on a regular basis. I know I sure loved going 220 mph again. So I've got to thank Royce and the crew at MIR for putting this event on and giving us the chance to race and put on a show for the quarter-mile fans."

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Fishing for a Good Time and a Great Lunch

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And that's how we ended up on the Helianthus, nodding at anchor on a bright, breezy morning, within sight of the broad sands of Eagle Beach.

The technique was simple: drop a chunk of squid to the bottom, lift the rod tip a few inches, and wait. I could imagine the scene down there, eighty feet below the surface: a curious swarm of colorful fish, nibbling and pecking at the bait, until one of them eventually committed itself to the hook. My father could imagine it too; he held the rod with his eighty-three-year-old hands, eagerly expecting that familiar electric feeling—a fish on the line.

Carlos, the mate of the Helianthus, circled the ship's rail, where a dozen other anglers—of both sexes, all ages, at least three different nationalities, and varying degrees of patience-all awaited the same thing. But my dad got the first bite. He lifted the rod tip sharply to set the hook and quickly cranked in a juvenile black grouper, not much bigger than a dessert plate. We both admired its brilliant red spots before tossing it back in the water.

After that, the shouts came at regular intervals for the next three hours or so: several other undersized groupers, along with white grunts, blue-striped grunts, yellowtail snapper, squirrelfish, hound fish, tilefish, trunkfish, and triggerfish. Whenever the action slowed, the captain would

weigh anchor and move to another reef or rock pile. Carlos stayed busy unhooking fish, untangling lines, and re-rigging the simple but effective terminal tackle: a single hook on a dropper loop, suspended above a lead sinker. The sleek and silvery hound fish was the biggest catch by length, but I was most impressed by the trunkfish, by far the largest I've seen in the Caribbean. Like many of the morning's catches, it too was released after a brief photo session. My father and I kept enough fish for that evening's dinner: an appetizer of snapper sashimi and a main course of steamed grunts, Cantonese style, with ginger, scallions, tofu, and sov sauce.

That would be a memorable meal, but it was no less tasty than the lunch served aboard the Helianthus. On the day that we fished, the boat's previous owners-Jan and Mar-Steenbakkers—were showing a new crew the ropes. Intent on hooking one more snapper, my dad initially refused his plate. After one bite of the tenderloin, however, I convinced him to reconsider. The beef was served mediumrare, fork-tender, and flanked by a crisp cabbage salad and flavorful rice pilaf. For refreshment, Marcella mixed Aruba's own Palmera rum with Tropicana fruit punch and ice. For the record, I was refreshed.

The new owners, Ricardo and Els Maas, looked as if they were enjoying their career change, and why not? Like Jan, Ricardo is a former tanker captain who appears to have solved the problem of all those loyalties are divided between their families and the sea. If you are lucky enough to join the Helianthus (744-4036) on its next trip, please release any fish you don't plan to eat-except lionfish, of course. (For more on the national lionfish control program, visit arubamarinepark.com.)

Event at Café the Plaza on June 2 till 5, 2011

Volunteers and pole sitters needed



ORANJESTAD - FPNC has been given another great opportunity to gather funding for the Aruban Community to be able to help the less fortunate. Café The Plaza organizes their yearly event called "Paalzitten" (Pole sitting) which lasts for 4 days.

This year it starts on Thursday, June 2nd at 7am and hopefully lasts till Sunday 22:30pm - during the Ascension Day Pentecost weekend. The event is known for its ambiance and lot's of visitors, and don't forget about all the supporters presthe participants. ent of Last year's record of the event was 87 hrs and 15 minutes, which needs to be beaten with at least 15 minutes this year. The participants (7 maximum) will sit down on a wooden pole paid

by sponsors and will donate 1/3 of their gain to FPNC for the monthly food packages. FPNC was told that there are still 3 poles available for participants. Maybe you are very eager to test your sitting abilities or maybe you have a colleague or friend who wants to face this amazing challenge. Please let FPNC know and they will help you to sign up for the championship as well. During the event Volunteers are absolutely needed for different activities during the morning, afternoon, evening and even throughout the night. As the charity of this event FPNC is in charge of the organization of the Jury, Activities for the public and the participants, to keep them awake. Of course we have the opportunity to have our own sales to make money for the foundation by selling t-shirts and car stickers. FPNC needs to be present 24/7 with their teams.

There are 6 shifts of 4 hours per day. The shifts require 7 of 5 volunteers, depends the time frame. Every day teams are needed, from Thursday June 2nd till Sunday June 5th: from 8am till 12pm from 12pm till 4pm from 4pm till 8pm from 8pm till 12am from 12am till 4am (not on

Sunday) from 4am till 8am (not on Sunday)

During most shifts we need 2 people to jury, 2 people to lead certain activities and 2 people for the sales.

Companies can sign up with teams of 4 or 6 people, as a team building event and in the same time support the community of Aruba. This is also a nice way to show Aruba that your company believes in corporate responsibility.

Individuals can sign up as a volunteer for a certain shift. If you have the time and you like to help us out for more than 1 shift during the days, for sure you are very much welcome.

Do you want to be part of this crazy event as a volunteer? Yes, well don't wait and sign up at claudie@fpncaruba.com or call Nelkis or Claudie at #5880002.

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Hotel. The restaurant embraces the retro architecture of San Nicolas with a diner-style motif. San Nicolas is a very special community, maintaining much of that old Caribbean vibe that is so charismatic and unique to the rest of the island. Local residents are encouraged to "rediscover" San Nicolas and the simple island charm that it offers, and tourists on the island will find it a

worthy adventure away from the commercial hustle and bustle of the hotel areas.

The Hollywood Smokehouse Diner is open for lunch Tuesday through Saturday from 11:30am to 3pm, and for dinner Wednesday through Saturday from 11:30am to 9pm. Closed Sunday and Monday. For more information or directions call 733-3650 or 584-4333.



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Malou is MooMba's gorgeous new hostess



HADICURARI - Twentytwo years old, a management degree in her pocket and filled with enthusiasm to tackle her new job at MooMba Beach: gorgeous Malou Tetteroo from Holland. Malou doubles as sales and marketing and public relations manager, combining her hostess job with organizing and over-seeing parties. "I'm looking forward to new experiences," she says with a smile. Malou has studied international hospitality management in Leeuwarden in the north of Holland. It is an all-round study that touches upon all the aspects of running a hotel, bar and restaurant.

She has spent her internship in Amsterdam, working for a large hotel chain. There she targeted the gay tourism market, an important segment of tourism in general. Malou came to Aruba together with her boyfriend Mark, who



is a medical doctor working in the emergency department of the hospital.

The couple has four weeks Aruba under their belt and

Ever the professional, Malou stresses the fact that MooMba is the perfect place to throw a

party.

Amazing lunch specials at Taste of Belgium's Bistro





PASEO HERENCIA - Taste of Belgium's Bistro in the Paseo Herencia Shopping Mall has a not-to-be-missed list of terrific lunch specials on for

the time being. Going all-out, the choices are wonderful and the price is unbelievable.

How can you beat a Teriyaki Chicken Salad with mixed garden greens and sliced teriyaki chicken with sesame seeds or a special Lunch Burger: an 8 oz. Miami beef burger topped with bacon, mushrooms and cheese, served in a bun with salad and fries?

The 10 dollar lunch menu also includes options like Seafood Pasta Alfredo with fresh fish, shrimps and mussels or a Bistro combination snack platter with Dutch favorites like "bitterballen", "mini frikandellen", chicken wings and cheese.

The shrimp cocktail ciabatta sandwich should be tried out for sure

There are two more excellent lunch choices at The Bistro: the French bouillabaisse with pieces of fish, mussels and shrimps in a tomato-flavored bouillon and Pizza with a choice of two favorite toppings.

The topping choices are ham, cheese, meat, mushrooms, bell peppers, anchovies, salami, pineapple or bacon.

Go quickly to The Bistro for its lunch specials: we do not know until when they will run!







Swarovski Previews the "Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides," Jewelry



PALM BEACH -- The muchawaited "Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides," with Penelope Cruz and Johnny Depp is opening in theaters on Thursday, May 19, 2011. The Palm Beach Plaza Mall's MegaPlex 8 will be showing the fun swashbuckling adventure in two of its theaters, and scheduled several different performances for that night. Tickets will be available for pre-sale, from early this week, and don't lose your movie-ticket stub, as it will entitle you to participate in a raffle for a piece of jewelry. When the Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides, went into production, Swarovski Crystal was asked to collabo-

rate with Disney on the design of the jewelry worn by the film's main characters. In fact if you like the jewelry worn in the movie by both Angelica and Captain Jack Sparrow, you may go right ahead and purchase a piece or two at the Swarovski Boutique in town. Most the pieces will be on display at the movie theater on Thursday, during opening night. So get ready to have fun that night with the pirates in the theater. The collection available for viewing and sale in Aruba is based on the latest Digital3D "Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tide," and includes carefully crafted replicas of pieces, drawn straight out of the movie set. Swarovski had fun crafting black pearls, skulls, and swords, which are traditional pirate motifs, into an edgy contemporary collection, sprinkled with some gothic and some vintage touches.

Four different lines were developed:

ANGELICA, which includes

all the jewelry worn by Penelope Cruz, boasts a Cross Pendant with Pavé setting and a crystal pendant on a goldplated chain, also a Pendant Sword and matching Ring, embellished by black diamond, clear crystal pavé and light Siam crystal dangling droplets, on a ruthenium chain, a Pendant Gun, ruthenium-plated and embellished by clear crystals, epoxy and light Siam crystal droplets, and a Dragon Ring, ruthenium-plated with dragon in metal work adorned by Pointiage® technique. The HIGH SEA collection, as worn by Captain Jack Sparrow includes the Necklace



Compass, a pendant with the case coated in black epoxy and black diamond crystal Pointiage® on a ruthenium-plated chain, the High Sea Pendant Shark Tooth, in black epoxy and jet crystal Pointiage® on a ruthenium-plated chain, and the High Sea Windrose Necklace with Pendant in jet crystal pavé, on a ruthenium-plated chain. Inspired by Captain Jack Sparrow's ship, the Black Pearl line features a Black Pearl necklace with matching Bracelet and Ring, Ruthenium-plated with an anchor and rope motif with crystal pave and the Black Pearl pendant with matching pierced Earrings and Ring with black crystal pearl, dangling clear crystal drop, and ruthenium-plating. The SKULLS and SWORDS theme exemplifies a masculine influence. Skulls and Swords Bracelet and matching Ring are ruthenium-plated with accents of jet crystal pave and the Skulls and Crossing Swords Pendant, in jet crystal Pointiage®, on a ruthenium-plated chain. All jewelry will be previewed at the theater on open-



ing night and is already for sale at the Swarovski Boutique, downtown Oranjestad. Swarovski Crystal was founded in 1895, by Daniel Swarovski, a Bohemian inventor and visionary, who moved to the village of Wattens, Tyrol in Austria, with his newly-invented machine for cutting and polishing crystal jewelry stones. Swarovski is today a force in the fashion world as the leading producer of precision-cut crystal for fashion and jewelry. Swarovski's own brand lines of accessories, jewelry and home décor items are sold through more than 1,800 retail outlets worldwide, including Oranjestad Aruba and the Palm Beach Plaza Mall, on Palm Beach.





Foods with health benefits, or so they say

By Natasha Singer,

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Start in Aisle 2, third shelf from the bottom: Here is grape juice for your heart. Over to Aisle 4: There are frozen carrots for your eyes.

In Aisle 5: Vitamin-packed water for your immune system. In the dairy case: Probiotic yogurt for your insides and milk for your brain.

Push a cart through the D'Agostino store in Manhattan, or any supermarket anywhere in America, and you just might start believing in miracles – or at least in miracle foods. In aisle after aisle, wonders beckon. Foods and drinks to help your heart, lower your cholesterol, trim your tummy, coddle your colon. Toss them into your cart and you might feel better. Heck, you might even live longer. Or not. Because this, shoppers, is the question: Are all these

products really healthy, or are

some of them just hyped?

The answer to that question matters to millions of Americans who are wagering their money and their waistlines on hot new products in the grocery aisles called "functional foods." Food giants like Dannon, Kellogg and General Mills don't claim these products actually prevent or cure diseases. Such declarations would run afoul of federal regulations. Nor do they sell them as medical foods, which are intended to be consumed under a doctor's supervision. Rather, food companies market functional foods with health-promoting or wellnessmaintaining properties. Such claims are legal, provided that they are backed up by some credible science. All those heart-healthy red hearts on your box of Quaker Oats

cereal or that can of Planters

peanuts? That happy-colon

marketing of functional food. foods and beverages totaled

yellow arrow on the tub of Ac- cans are buying into the functivia yogurt? It's all part of the tional story. Sales of these



Mary Engle, the director of the advertising practices division at the Federal Trade Commission in Washington, at her office in Washington. Over the past decade, despite sales pitches for natural, organic and whole foods, functional food has turned into a big business for Big Food and more Americans are buying into the functional story.

(Daniel Rosenbaum/The New York Times

Over the past decade, despite all those sales pitches for "natural," "organic" and "whole" foods, functional food has turned into a big business for Big Food. And more Ameri\$37.3 billion in the United States in 2009, up from \$28.2 billion in 2005, according to estimates from the Nutrition Business Journal, a market research firm. But as sales soar, federal regulators worry that some packaged foods that scream healthy on their labels are in fact no healthier than many ordinary brands. Federal Trade Commission officials have been cracking down on products that, in their view, make dubious or exaggerated claims. Overwhelmed regulators concede that they are struggling to police this booming market, despite recent settlements with makers of brands like Kellogg's Rice Krispies and Dannon's Activia, which the authorities say oversold their health benefits. Consumer advocates and some nutritionists are equally blunt. They say shoppers are being bamboozled by slick marketing. Many people grab products with healthy claims on the front of the package and overlook crucial nutritional information, like calorie counts, in the small print on the back. "Functional foods, they are not about health," says Marion Nestle, a professor of nutrition, food studies and public health at New York University. "They are about marketing." Walk through any supermarket, and you'll see what Ms. Nestle means.

Here in Aisle 2 is a box of Quaker Oatmeal Squares cereal, made by the Quaker Oats Co. The front of the box, in large white print, proclaims: "Oatmeal helps reduce cholesterol!" Scientists generally agree that fiber can be good for your heart. But read the adjacent smaller print, which the Food and Drug Administration requires, and you'll find that one serving of Quaker Oatmeal Squares contains only a third of the amount of soluble fiber needed daily to help reduce the risk of heart disease. In other words, you may have to eat three bowls of cereal daily - 630 calories' worth, without milk - to benefit.

Personal health: in women, hernias may be hidden agony

By JANE E. BRODY, © 2011 New York Times

Laura Sweet was an active, upbeat 42-year-old saleswoman living in Santa Monica, Calif., when the agony first started – debilitating, flaring pains in her pelvis that lasted for days and recurred periodically. The discomfort resulted in many visits to the emergency room, referrals to various specialists, wrong diagnoses and a daily cocktail of painkillers.

Her once-sunny disposition turned morose, and her vigorous workouts declined 20 minutes of walking a day. When one doctor's tests revealed no explanation, Sweet said, he told her she had "chronic pelvic pain and I should learn to live with it."

Her sorry tale could be repeat-

ed by countless women who, like Sweet, had hidden abdominal hernias, a condition that most doctors - including gynecologists and surgeons rarely consider or know how to find. Unlike hernias in men, which are far more common, those that afflict women are usually small and internal and rarely cause an obvious bulge. Symptoms can be suggestive of other problems - ovarian cysts, fibroids, endometriosis or adhesions from a previous operation - but surgically correcting these conditions does not relieve the devastating pain. "On average, women go through four prior surgeries, and some a lot more than that, before the real cause of their pain is identified," said Dr. Deborah A. Metzger, a

gynecologist in Los Altos, Ca-



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lif., who specializes in chronic pelvic pain.

When a woman lies flat on the examining table, the signs and symptoms of a hernia disappear. And the usual exam, an ultrasound, rarely reveals the real problem. Lacking an accurate diagnosis, doctors often send patients to be drugged up by pain specialists and psychiatrists.

For many women with these occult, or hidden, hernias, it can take years, if ever, to get the right diagnosis and correct the problem.

Women account for only 8 percent of the hernias diagnosed, and doctors simply "don't think hernia" when women complain of pelvic pain, Metzger said in an interview.



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World Briefs

Vatican suggests bishops report abuse to police

VATICAN CITY (AP) — The Vatican has told bishops around the world that it is important to cooperate with police in reporting priests who rape and molest children and asked them to develop guidelines for preventing sex abuse by next May. But Monday's letter from the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith made no provision to ensure the bishops actually follow the guidelines, and victims groups immediately denounced the recommendations as "dangerously flawed" because they stress the exclusive authority of bishops to determine the credibility of abuse allegations.

The letter marks the latest effort by the Vatican to show that it is serious about rooting out pedophiles from the priesthood, a year after the sex abuse scandal exploded on a global scale with thousands of new victims coming forward in Europe and beyond.

Billionaire to lead a Russian political party

MOSCOW_ Mikhail D. Prokhorov, the Russian billionaire and principal owner of the New Jersey Nets basketball team, announced Monday that he would lead a liberal Russian political party with close ties to the Kremlin. The decision, seven months before parliamentary elections, seems to be part of a Kremlin effort to provide an alternative for Russians disaffected with the country's dominant political party, United Russia, while still ensuring continued support for the ruling authorities.

The party that Prokhorov will lead, Right Cause, generally espouses pro-Western liberal views in tune with those of the business and intellectual elite in Moscow and St. Petersburg. It was set up by the Kremlin in 2008, and some critics refer to it as nothing more than a fake opposition intended to help give Russia the semblance of a true multiparty democracy.

U.Ss teen killer gets 19 years hard labor

PORT-OF-SPAIN, Trinidad (AP) — A judge on Monday sentenced a man to 19 years at hard labor for stabbing to death an American teenager on the southern Caribbean island of Tobago. Sean Antoine, 28, was convicted in April of killing 14-year-old Kitty Pepe of Keene, New York. They had dated previously but had broken up before he repeatedly stabbed her on July 1, 2005, at the home where she had been staying with her mother in the seaside town of Charlotteville. Antoine faced a possible death sentence if convicted of murder, but jurors convicted him of manslaughter after he testified the girl had taunted him, a defense that outraged the girl's family. The lesser charge meant he could be sentenced to as little as the time he had already served since his arrest.

Israel leader outlines his agenda for U.S. trip

ETHAN BRONNER © 2011 New York Times

JERUSALEM – Days before Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is to meet with President Barack Obama, he laid out his principles Monday for accepting a Palestinian state, showing greater flexibility on territory but still pursuing a far more hawkish approach than any Palestinian leader is likely to accept.

He also made clear that if the recent reconciliation accord between Hamas and Fatah, the two main Palestinian parties, led to Hamas becoming part of a Palestinian government, no peace would be negotiated.

"A government, half of whose members declare daily their intention to destroy the State of Israel, is not a partner for peace," he said at the opening session of Parliament.

Netanyahu spoke a day after a wave of Palestinian protesters marched toward Israel's borders from four directions and Israeli troops responded with gunfire, killing more than a dozen people.

The occasion was Nakba Day, when Palestinians mark Israel's creation and mourn the expulsion and flight of hundreds of thousands of Palestinians in 1948.

Commentary in both Israel and the Palestinian areas suggested that what took place Sunday might serve as a dress rehearsal for more such actions in the coming year.

Netanyahu said in Parliament that those who sought to enter Israel on Sunday were not clamoring for a Palestinian state but for the destruction of Israel.



Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in the Knesset, Israel's parliament, in Jerusalem, Monday, May 16, 2011. Netanyahu is taking a tough line toward an emerging Palestinian government before his high-profile trip to Washington. In a clear message to the Hamas militant group, Benjamin Netanyahu told his parliament Monday that Israel cannot make peace with a government if it includes members sworn to Israel's destruction.

(AP Photo/Sebastian Scheiner)

Japan officials ignored or hid nuclear risks

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OMAEZAKI, Japan – The nuclear power plant, lawyers argued, could not withstand the kind of major earthquake that new seismic research now suggested was likely. If such a quake struck, electrical power could fail, along with backup generators, crippling the cooling system, the lawyers predicted.

The reactors would then suffer a meltdown and start spewing radiation into the air and sea. Tens of thousands in the area would be forced to flee. Although the predictions sound eerily like the sequence of events at the Fukushima Daiichi plant following the March 11 earthquake and tsunami, the lawsuit was filed nearly a decade ago to shut down another plant, long con-

sidered the most dangerous in Japan – the Hamaoka station. It was one of several quixotic legal battles waged - and lost - in a long attempt to improve nuclear safety and force Japan's power companies, nuclear regulators and courts to confront the dangers posed by earthquakes and tsunamis on some of the world's most seismically active ground. The lawsuits reveal a disturbing pattern in which operators underestimated or hid seismic dangers to avoid costly upgrades and keep operating. And the fact that virtually all these suits lost reinforces the widespread belief in Japan that a culture of collusion supporting nuclear power, including the government, nuclear regulators and plant operators, extends to the courts as well.





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rozone divided over Greek debt approach

D. McHUGH & G. STEIN HAUSER, **AP Writers**

BRUSSELS (AP) — Top eurozone officials disagreed over whether to consider changing the debt repayment terms for Greek bonds, a move some experts say is inevitable and others deem too risky for Europe's broader financial sta-

Jean-Claude Juncker, chairman of the group of 17 eurozone finance ministers, said Monday he "wouldn't exclude" a voluntary delay to repayments on Greek government debt that would give the struggling country more time to fix its economy and regain market trust.

But he was immediately contradicted by France's Finance Minister Christine Lagarde who ruled the step out, a sign that European officials are still wrestling over what to do about Greece's debt crisis.



Greek diplomats stand outside a foreign ministry building during a protest in Athens on Monday, May 16, 2011. Some 50 foreign ministry employees gathered to protest pay cuts, tax hikes and reduced funding for debt-ridden Greece's diplomatic service. The country just avoided bankruptcy a year ago, and remains dependent on foreign rescue loans.

(AP Photo/Petros Giannakouris)

Juncker said the group's adamant stance against restructuring — or giving creditors less than full value of their bond holding — did not extend to

what he and others have called "reprofiling," or a voluntary offer from bondholders to accept repayment over a longer period.

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United Arab Emirates confirms hiring Blackwater Worldwide

EMILY B. HAGER and MARK to former Reflex Responses MAZZETTI

© 2011 New York Times The United Arab Emirates confirmed Sunday that it had hired a company run by Erik Prince, the billionaire founder of Blackwater Worldwide, to provide "operational, planning and training support" to its military. But it gave no details of the company's project to build a foreign mercenary battalion for the Emirati government.A written statement from a top Emirati general, issued through the United Arab Emirates' official news agency, said that the country had relied extensively on outside contractors to bolster its military, and that all work with contractors was "compliant with international law and relevant conventions." The statement, by Gen. Juma Ali Khalaf al Hamiri, said that the United Arab Emirates had signed a contract with Reflex Responses, Prince's company, but made no mention of the hundreds of Colombian, South African and other foreign troops now training at an Emirati military base. The statement did not mention Prince by name. The New York Times reported on Sunday that the company last year signed a \$529 million contract with the Emirati government to recruit and train a foreign battalion for counterterrorism and internal security missions, according

employees, American officials and corporate documents.

Former employees said that the company had a separate lucrative contract to help protect a string of planned nuclear reactors in the country and to provide cyber security for the nuclear sites.

The United Arab Emirates is a close American ally, and officials in Washington indicated there was some support in the Obama administration for the foreign mercenary battalion. But the State Department is looking into the project to ensure it does not violate American laws regulating the export of defense technology and expertise.

Al Hamiri's statement said the United Arab Emirates' military had gone through an "extensive process of development and Emiratisation," which has allowed Emirati forces to make "meaningful contributions" in recent conflicts in places like Kosovo, Iraq, Afghanistan and Libya.

Kateri Carmola, a professor at Middlebury College who researches the use of private security companies, said that it was common for countries to hire contractors for military training, but that it appeared that Reflex Responses had more ambitious goals both in the United Arab Emirates and elsewhere.



Military ruler tells Egyptians to look forward

SARAH EL DEEB, Associated Press

CAIRO (AP) — Egypt's military leader on Monday called on his people to look to the future, help improve internal security and work for a better economy.

It was the first public speech by Field Marshal Hussein Tantawi since his Military Council took power in Egypt after President Hosni Mubarak was deposed on Feb. 11 after a popular revolution.

Tantawi spoke at a graduation ceremony for police cadets. His 20-minute speech was broadcast on Egyptian TV.

He said internal security and the economy are linked and spoke against a wave of protests and labor strikes that has rocked the country.

He said, "Let's leave the past aside, not forget it, but put it aside for now so that we can push forward with the most energy we have."

Reformers are pressing for prosecution of Mubarak and members of his regime for corruption.

Mubarak's wife turned over her property and funds to the state, a move designed to settle corruption allegations against her, officials and lawyers said Monday.

Mubarak and his wife, Suzanne, have been questioned about their financial dealings. Some estimates put Mubarak's holdings in the tens of billions of dollars.

The prosecution of former regime officials, including the Mubaraks, has been one of the main demands by the activists who led the uprising that forced Mubarak to step down on Feb.11.

By relinquishing her claims, Mrs. Mubarak is benefiting from articles in the law which allow those accused of making illegal gains of giving them up in exchange for dropping the investigation, said lawyer Nasser Amin.

The move could open the way for others who are in detention on accusations of abusing their powers to settle with the



An Egyptian woman walks past an anti Israel graffiti with Arabic that reads "Down with Israel" near the Israeli embassy in Cairo, Egypt Monday, May 16, 2011. Egyptian riot police fired tear gas and live ammunition overnight to disperse thousands of pro-Palestinian protesters outside the Israeli Embassy in Cairo, and a security official said Monday that at least 185 demonstrators were arrested over allegations of attacking police and vandalism.

(AP Photo/Nasser Nasser)

state by returning their money. Suzanne Mubarak, 70, has been hospitalized following an order to detain her over allegations she took advantage of her husband's position to enrich herself.

Horrific picture emerges of besieged Syrian town

BASSEM MROUE, Associated Press

WADI KHALED, Lebanon (AP) — Using horses and mules to carry their possessions, Syrians crossed a shallow river Monday to reach safety in Lebanon with tales of a "catastrophic" scene back home: sectarian killings, gunmen carrying out executionstyle slayings and the stench of decomposing bodies in the streets

The accounts are bound together by a sense of growing desperation as President Bashar Assad's regime expands its crackdown on an uprising that has entered a third month with no sign of letting up.

At least 16 people — eight of them members of the same family — have been killed in recent days in Talkalakh, a town of about 70,000 residents that has been under siege since Thursday, witnesses and activists say.

The deaths boost an already staggering toll, with more than 850 people killed nationwide since mid-March,



Syrian citizens carry their belongings, as they cross the border illegally, fleeing from violence the western Syrian village of Talkalakh, in the Wadi Khaled area, about one kilometer (0.6 miles) from the Lebanon-Syria border, north Lebanon, Monday May 16, 2011. Carrying mattresses and bags of clothing, Syrians fleeing their homeland described a "catastrophic" scene Monday in a besieged border town that has been largely sealed off as the army tries to crush a two-month uprising.

(AP Photo/Bilal Hussein)

according to the National Organization for Human Rights in Syria.

"The situation in the city is catastrophic," said a 55-year-old Syrian who asked to be identified only by his first name, Ahmad. He crossed the border into Lebanon before dawn Monday.

"If you walk in the streets of known as "shabiha."

Talkalakh you can smell the dead bodies," he said.

Residents interviewed by The Associated Press on Monday as they crossed into Lebanon said their town, which has held weekly anti-government rallies, came under attack by the army, security forces and shadowy, pro-regime gunmen known as "shabiha."

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America held hostage



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Six months ago President Barack Obama faced a hostage situation. Republicans threatened to block an extension of middle-class tax cuts unless Obama gave in and extended tax cuts for the rich too. And the president essentially folded, giving the GOP everything it wanted.

Now, predictably, the hostagetakers are back: Blackmail worked well last December, so why not try it again? This time House Republicans say they will refuse to raise the debt ceiling – a step that could inflict major economic damage - unless Obama agrees to large spending cuts, even as they rule out any tax increase whatsoever. And the question becomes what, if anything, will get the president to say no.

The debt ceiling itself is a strange feature of U.S. law: Since Congress must vote to authorize spending and choose tax rates, why have a second vote on whether to allow the borrowing that these spending and taxation policies imply? In practice, however, legislators have historically been willing to raise the debt ceiling as necessary, so this quirk in our system hasn't mattered very much – until now

What has changed? The answer is the radicalization of the Republican Party. Normally, a party controlling neither the White House nor the Senate would acknowledge that it isn't in a position to impose its agenda on the nation. But the modern GOP doesn't believe in following normal rules.

So what will happen if the ceiling isn't raised? It has become fashionable on the right to assert that it would be no big deal. On Saturday the editorial page of The Wall Street Journal ridiculed those worried about the consequences of hitting the ceiling as the "Armageddon

It's hard to know whether the

"what, us worry?" types believe what they're saying, or whether they're just staking out a bargaining position. But in any case, they're almost surely wrong: Seriously bad consequences will follow if the debt ceiling isn't raised.

For if we hit the debt ceiling, the government will be forced to stop paying roughly a third of its bills, because that's the share of spending currently financed by borrowing. So will it stop sending out Social Security checks? Will it stop paying doctors and hospitals that treat Medicare patients? Will it stop paying the contractors supplying fuel and munitions to our military? Or will it stop paying interest on the debt?

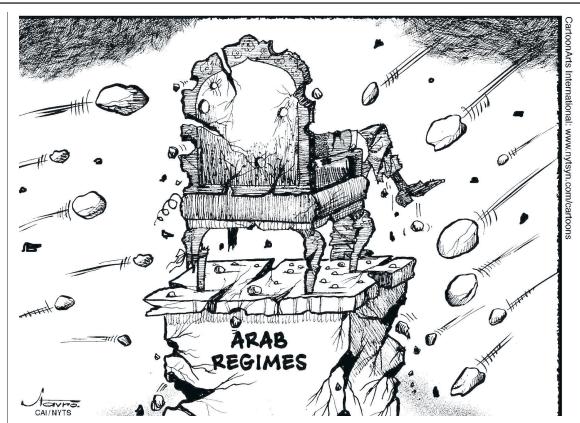
Don't say "none of the above." As I've written before, the federal government is basically an insurance company with an army, so I've just described all the major components of federal spending. At least one, and probably several, of these components will face payment stoppages if federal borrowing is cut off.

And what would such payment stops do to the economy? Nothing good. Consumer spending would probably crash, as nervous seniors started wondering how to pay for rent and food. Businesses that depend on government purchases would slash payrolls and cancel investments.

Furthermore, markets might well panic, especially if interest payments are missed. And the consequences of undermining faith in U.S. debt might be especially severe because that debt plays a crucial role in many financial transactions.

So hitting the debt ceiling would be a very bad thing. Unfortunately, it may be unavoidable

Why? Because this is a hostage situation. If the president and his allies operate on the principle that failure to raise the debt ceiling is an unthinkable outcome, to be avoided at all cost, then they have ceded all power to those willing to bring that outcome about. In effect, they will have ripped up the Constitution and given control over America's government to a party that only controls one house of Congress, but claims to be willing to bring down the economy unless it gets what it wants.





By ROSS DOUTHAT. © 2011 New York Times

Most candidates for the highest office in the land spend months, if not years, currying favor with the rich and powerful: gladhanding at fundraising dinners, schmoozing in mansions, pressing the flesh in Aspen and Manhattan and Nob Hill.

Not so Mike Huckabee. He ran for president in 2008 with no money, no campaign infrastructure, no professional handlers or ad gurus or wardrobe consultants. (When I interviewed him in New Hampshire, he had just ironed his own suit.) His entire campaign - which won him more delegates than Mitt Romney's lavishly financed operation – consisted of showing up for any television program that would have him, and turning on the charm.

It's no surprise, then, that Huckabee prefers his new life as a Fox News host to the dubious pleasures of another presidential run. But he'll be missed in the 2012 race, and not just because his absence promises to dramatically reduce the entertainment value of the Republican debates.

He'll be missed because he embodied a political persuasion

A requiem for Huckabee

but rare in America's political class. This worldview mixes cultural conservatism with economic populism: it's tax-sensitive without being stridently anti-government, skeptical of Wall Street as well as Washington, and as concerned about immigration, family breakdown and public morals as it is about the debt ceiling.

This combination of views represents one of the plausible middle grounds in American politics. You can find it in the Republican Party, among the evangelicals and Catholics whose votes made the presidencies of Ronald Reagan and George W. Bush possible. You can find it among independent voters, particularly in what a recent Pew report calls the "disaffected" demographic, whose hostility to big government coexists with anxieties about corporate power and support for redistribution of wealth. And you find it in the Democratic Party as well - from the dwindling ranks of pro-life Catholic liberals to the "Bill Cosby conservatives" in the African-American middle class.

But few of these people are members of the American elite. Call someone a "centrist" or a "moderate" in the salons of Washington or New York, and everyone will assume that you're talking about a deficit hawk who supports open borders, or a Republican CEO who writes checks to Planned Parenthood. Among our leadership class, centrism invariably means some combination of

that's common in American life big-business conservatism and social progressivism - the politics of pro-choice Republicans, hedge fund Democrats and Michael Bloomberg independents. This is why Huckabee's 2008 campaign seemed to come out of nowhere. The press was baffled, and often delighted: Here was a right-wing politician who talked easily about health care and admitted that the Bush economy had been lousy for working families. (There would have been less delight, of course, if he had actually won the Republican nomination: Then all the talk would have turned to his supposedly "scary" views on issues like abortion.)

> Republican elites, meanwhile, were appalled. They called him a class warrior and a pro-life liberal, and regularly insinuated that he had jumped above his station. (Lisa Schiffren, a former speechwriter for Dan Quayle, memorably suggested that Huckabee go back to "that bait shop on the lake. ... You'll be surrounded by nice neighbors, real Christians, and you can be the smartest guy in the room.")

> Never mind that Huckabee's record as governor of Arkansas was at least as conservative as Mitt Romney's in Massachusetts. Somehow, the Romney of 2008 just seemed like a more plausible Republican nominee. Like many American political entrepreneurs, from George W. Bush to John Edwards to Rush Limbaugh, he was a wellconnected rich guy posing as a populist.

Woods expects to play U.S. open

Tiger Woods hits from the sand on the sixth hole during the first round of The Players Championship golf tournament Thursday May 12, 2011 in Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla. Woods withdrew from the tournament after nine holes.

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Appeals court backs NFL, lockout remains

By DAVE CAMPBELL **AP Sports Writer**

MINNEAPOLIS - The NFL's lockout stays, a federal appeals court ruled Monday. That means the league likely won't get back to business until next month and maybe for much longer.

The 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals said the lockout can remain intact until a full appeal is heard on whether it is legal.

That hearing is scheduled June 3 in St. Louis, and it is before the same panel that issued this 2-1 decision.

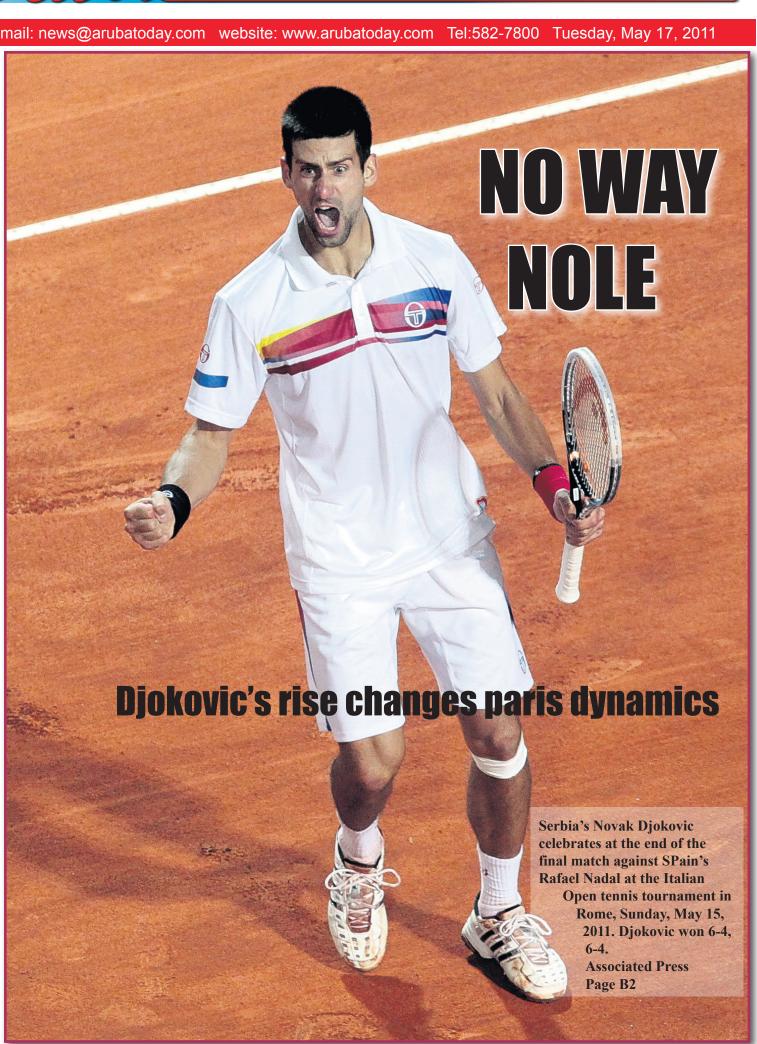
The appellate court said it believed the NFL has proven it "likely will suffer some degree of irreparable harm without a stay."

It also cast doubt on the conclusions of U.S. District Judge Susan Richard Nelson, who ruled April 25 that the lockout should be lifted — only to have the 8th Circuit panel put her decision on hold four days later.

"The league has made a strong showing that it is likely to succeed on the merits," the majority wrote.

The decision came on the same day NFL owners and players resumed ordered mediation behind closed doors for eight hours. It was the fifth day of talks in front of U.S. Magistrate Judge Arthur Boylan, but the first since April 20.

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Novak Djokovic's 37-0 start changes French **Open dynamic**

HOWARD FENDRICH **AP Tennis Writer**

It's tough to decide what's most impressive about Novak Djokovic's 37-0 record in 2011, the best start in men's tennis in more than a quartercentury. Djokovic has won all seven tournaments he's entered, including the Australian Open; he had never collected more than five titles in a full season. He's a combined 7-0 against Rafael Nadal and Roger Federer, two men who dominated him and the sport the past several years. He's 13-0 against all top-10 players. He leads the ATP in return games won and is second in service games won.

The No. 1-ranked Nadal summed it up simply, saying: "He is doing amazing things." Nadal should know.

He is 0-4 against the secondranked Djokovic this season, including straight-set losses in the finals on clay at Madrid

and Rome this month. Those matches — and Diokovic's body of work all year - completely change the dynamic heading to the French Open, the clay-court Grand Slam tournament that begins next weekend.

"Nadal doesn't seem to know what to do against him, and quite honestly, if Nadal is baffled by playing him, then that just shows you how great he's playing on clay," seven-time major champion John McEnroe said in a telephone interview Monday. "You're looking at a guy who's the best player in the world right now." McEnroe owns the Open era mark for best start to a season, 42-0 in 1984, which Djokovic would surpass by reaching the final in Paris. McEnroe will be there as an NBC analyst, including for the June 5 men's final.

"It's probably the one record — or one of the few, if any



Serbia's Novak Djokovic celebrates at the end of the final match against SPain's Rafael Nadal at the Italian Open tennis tournament in Rome, Sunday, May 15, 2011. Djokovic won 6-4, 6-4.

Associated Press

I have left. That would be the bad part. But at the same time, the good part is it's given quite a real shot in the arm to tennis, which I'm quite happy about," McEnroe said. "There's some excitement going into the French. There's something really to talk about."

Nadal has won five of the past six titles at Roland Garros; Djokovic has never made it

past the semifinals there. But Djokovic, who turns 24 the day the French Open starts, has the momentum and mental edge at the moment, including this tidbit: He is the first player to beat Nadal twice on clay in one season

"Let us be clear: He is the 'King of Clay,' and he is the best player ever to play on this surface," Djokovic said

after beating Nadal 6-4, 6-4 in Sunday's Italian Open final. "I have won against him twice in the last eight days, which I think is incredible, an incredible achievement for me, and has given me a lot of confidence for the French Open." Listen to Djokovic enough, and you'll hear that word "confidence" over and over again.



In a Aug. 24, 2008 file photo, Kenya's Sammy Kamau Wanjiru celebrates winning the gold during the men's marathon at the Beijing 2008 Olympics in Beijing.

Associated Press

TOM ODULA, **Associated Press** NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) — Kenyan Olympic marathon champion Sammy Wanjiru died in his prime after a fall from a second-floor balcony during a domestic dispute involving his wife and another woman, officials said Monday.

One police official said the 24-year-old Wanjiru committed suicide, while another said he jumped to stop his wife from leaving the house after she discovered him with another woman. His agent, Federico Rosa, excluded suicide. At the 2008 Beijing Olympics, Wanjiru became the first Kenyan to win a gold medal in the marathon. At 21, he had the promise to dominate the distance for another decade.

"It is a huge tragedy," Jos Hermens, a long distance expert and manager of Ethiopian

Olympic marathon champion Sammy Wanjiru dies in fall

The Associated Press. "He could have won two, three more Olympic Games. He was an incredible talent."

Wanjiru — who won five of his seven marathons and was the youngest runner to win four "major" marathons died late Sunday at his home in the town of Nyahururu, in the Rift Valley, the cradle of Kenyan long-distance running.

"The fact of the matter is that Wanjiru committed suicide," national police spokesman Eric Kiraithe said.

Police Commissioner Mathew Iteere also said initial reports indicated Wanjiru killed himself, but a local official offered a different account.

"Wanjiru came home with another woman friend at around 11:30 p.m. and then when his wife came home and found them she inquired who the

great Haile Gebrselassie, told lady was," area police chief Jasper Ombati said. "They got into an argument. His wife locked them in the bedroom and ran off.

> "He then jumped from the bedroom balcony. He is not here to tell us what he thinking when he jumped. We do not suspect foul play. In our estimation we think he wanted to stop his wife from leaving the compound."

> Ombati said the balcony is between 4 and 6 meters (13 and 19 feet) high.

> He said the runner landed on a hard surface.

> "His head was intact but they may have been internal injuries which only a post-mortem can reveal," Ombati said.

> Rosa confirmed there had been a domestic dispute over another woman, but said Wanjiru would not have killed himself

"I talked to him yesterday and

the day before," he said, noting his training was proceeding smoothly. "It was going well and smoothly and he had no problem at all.

"This I can guarantee, it was not a suicide at all," Rosa said. In addition to the Olympics, Wanjiru won the London Marathon in 2009 and in Chicago in 2009 and 2010, in the process running the fastest ever time recorded in a marathon in the United States.

Gebrselassie, a two-time Olympic 10,000-meter champion and world-record holder in the marathon, said on his Twitter feed that he was "totally shocked" by the news.

"My thoughts are with his family and all his friends and colleagues," Gebrselassie said.

"Of course one wonders if we as an athletics family could have avoided this tragedy," he said.

iger says he's still aiming to be at U.S. Open

DOUG FERGUSON AP Golf Writer PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Florida. (AP) — Tiger Woods says he did no more damage to his left leg at The Players Championship and expects to play the U.S. Open next month.

Woods made it only nine holes last week at The Players — his shortest tournament ever when he withdrew after nine holes because of what he described as a chain reaction of pain from his left knee to left Achilles tendon and tightening in his calf. He shot 42 on the front nine.

On his website Monday, Woods said he irritated the knee and Achilles without making them worse. He said doctors have advised rest, cold water therapy and soft tissue treatment, which he said he already had been receiving.

"Aggravating my injury is very disappointing," Woods said. "I'll do whatever is necessary to play in the U.S. Open, and I'm hopeful I can be there to compete."

The U.S. Open is June 16-19 at Congressional, a course on which Woods won in 2009 at the AT&T National.

He did not say how long it would take to recover.

His website said he was doubtful to play at the Memorial Tournament, which begins June 2, while he tries to strengthen his leg. It said playing before the U.S. Open would be a "week-to-week" decision, although Woods has never played the week before the U.S. Open and has never played the St. Jude Classic in Memphis, Tenn.

of the medial collateral ligament and a mild strain of his Achilles from hitting a shot off the pine straw under the Eisenhower Tree on the 17th hole of the Masters in the third round. He played the final round and shot 67.

He said he did not practice until Monday of The Players, and did not play any golf until his practice rounds. Woods looked fine the 9-hole practice rounds he played last week, and swing coach Sean Foley said he was pleasantly surprised to see Woods look as though he had not lost much from when he had last played in the Masters.

Woods said he himself on the opening tee shot at Sawgrass. "The knee acted up, and then the Achilles followed after Woods reported a mild sprain that, and then the calf started



Tiger Woods takes a second drop on the fourth hole during the first round of The Players Championship golf tournament Thursday May 12, 2011, in Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla. Woods withdrew from the tournament after nine holes.

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cramping up," Woods said after he withdrew. "Everything started getting tight, so it's just a whole chain reaction." If he plays at Congressional, he likely will have played nine holes of competition between the Masters and the U.S. Open. Minutes before the statement was posted on his website, Woods said on Twitter, "Bummed that my left leg has me on the sidelines, but I want, and expect, to be at the US Open. Will

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do all I can to get there." It would not be the first time Woods has played the U.S. Open with so little competition. When he won his last major at the 2008 U.S. Open, he had not played a tournament in two months because of arthroscopic surgery on his left knee immediately after the Masters. Doctors later discovered stress fractures in his left leg. Woods wound up winning at Torrey Pines in a 19-hole hole playoff.

Former CEOs take in another \$280.000 in 2010

By EDDIE PELLS AP National Writer

DENVER – The U.S. Olympic Committee paid another \$163,000 to Stephanie Streeter in 2010 even though she had effectively stepped down as the organization's CEO in October of the previous year.

The federation filed tax reports Monday, stating that Streeter and the person she replaced, Jim Scherr, received a combined total of more than \$279,000 during a year in which Scott Blackmun took over as CEO. Scherr's \$116,252 was part of a severance package he agreed to in March 2009 when he was surprisingly replaced.

Blackmun's total compensation, which includes benefits, was \$638,407. Despite the she was stepping down.

money that went to CEOs not working for the USOC, the federation paid 49 percent less to that position than in 2009. Streeter's total compensation in 2009 was \$1.006 million and Scherr received \$801,000 in salary and severance.

Streeter's unexpected rise into the CEO's position caused a major rift within USOC circles, as did her \$1 million-plus salary, which was made public when the tax statement came out last year.

In October 2009, she stepped down from her interim position and said she wouldn't seek the job on a full-time basis. Though Blackmun didn't officially take over until January 2010, Streeter was rarely seen after she announced

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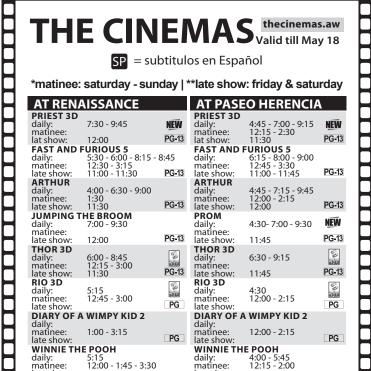


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Rules, equipment change fighting's impact on NHL

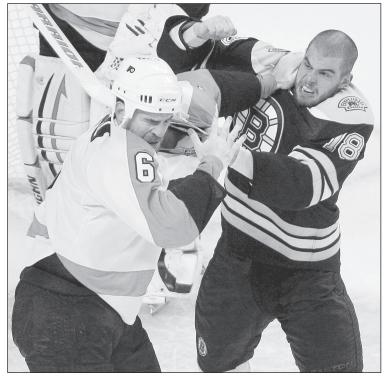
By NANCY ARMOUR AP National Writer

Detroit Red Wing opponents knew better than to mess with Steve Yzerman. Take a cheap shot at him — or any of the other Wings, for that matter — and you'd have to answer to Bob Probert and, in later years, Darren McCarty.

It was an on-ice code of justice, and it's proven so effective over the years that players like Probert, McCarty and Derek Boogaard built careers dishing out punishing hits.

But Boogaard's sudden death Friday five months after a season-ending concussion, and his family's decision to donate his brain to the Boston University project that found Probert had signs of brain trauma resulting from blows to the head, is bringing added scrutiny to fighting's place in the NHL.

"I think the league does a good job. They're trying to limit head shots," Tampa Bay Lightning center Nate Thompson said Monday. "I don't think they can (ban



Boston Bruins right wing Nathan Horton, right, battles Philadelphia Flyers defenseman Sean O'Donnell during a fight during the second period in Game 3 of the Eastern Conference semifinal NHL Stanley Cup hockey playoff series in Boston, Wednesday, May 4, 2011.

Associated Press

fighting entirely). That's part of the game. It's a physical sport and it always has been. If they take that out of the game that takes a part of the

history out of the game."
Like football, hockey is a game of controlled violence.
Players are skating full-speed around an enclosed rink, and

collisions — some intentional, some not — are bound to happen. Referees are there to make sure transgressions are punished. But when they don't, or don't see them occur, that's when players take matters into their own hands.

Boston's Big Bad Bruins brought the rough-and-tumble style to the ice, and the Philadelphia Flyers' Broad Street Bullies are considered the role models for modern-day enforcers. What people forget is that the Flyers only started beating people up because owner Ed Snider got tired of other teams picking on his.

"That fighting stuff way overshadowed the talent we had on the team," Bob "the Hound" Kelly said. "We don't have talent, we don't win anything." But the Flyers did win, hoisting the Stanley Cup in 1974 and '75.

By the 1980s, every team had an enforcer or two whose primary role was to protect his teammates by whatever means necessary, whenever necessary. "These guys are so big and strong," said Dave "the Hammer" Schultz, who often wrapped his hands in tape for protection and set an NHL record in the 1974-75 season with 472 penalty minutes. "We weren't big and strong. I could punch a guy, hit him right in the nose, and he's not going to get a concussion. But I didn't train to punch."

Advances in equipment and rules changes elevated the level of fighting. Schultz said he never would have slammed into opponents shoulder- or headfirst because it would have hurt him. But players now wear helmets with face shields, and football-like padding.

Players can now pass all the way up to their opponents' blue lines, increasing the speed of the game. And like every other sport, the players have been super-sized.

"The game has gotten very fast, much faster than it's ever been," said Stan Fischler, the MSG hockey analyst and leading NHL historian.

Mets' Wright has stress fracture in back, will sit

By DAVE SKRETTA AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK – Mets third baseman David Wright has a stress fracture in his lower back that is expected to keep him out a couple weeks, though the team is awaiting a second opinion before deciding whether to put him on the disabled list.

Mets general manager Sandy Alderson said Monday that Wright had an MRI exam at the Hospital for Special Surgery in New York to check on his back, which has been bothering him since he made a diving tag on Houston's Carlos Lee during a game April 19 at Citi Field.

The tentative results showed a stress fracture that typically needs rest to heal. Alderson called it a "non-surgical" course of treatment that could take at least 10 days.

"There is the possibility of a disablement, but we won't know that until we get a second opinion," Alderson said. "In the meantime, he continues to be on the roster and available."

Wright was not in the lineup posted before Monday night's game against Florida.

The star slugger said he was shocked to learn of the diagnosis. He had been reluctant to have an MRI for several weeks despite experiencing what he described as a stiff back, instead getting treatment from the training staff and playing through the pain. Wright finally agreed to have the scans at the team's behest, and said he was shaken Monday when he learned about the stress fracture and began speaking with spine specialists.

"I thought going in it would

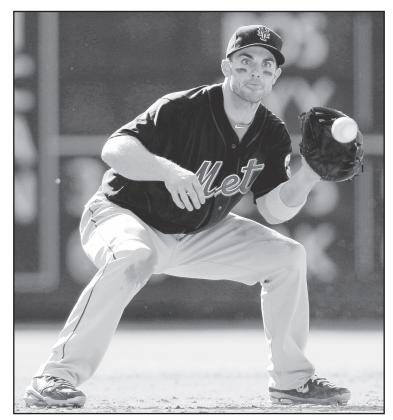
just be a routine thing," he said. "I was preparing for Josh Johnson and the Marlins and coming out of that, my head was spinning.

"I don't think I was scared. I think disappointed," Wright said. "You want to be with your teammates and I feel like not being able to do that is disappointing. It's frustrating, you know? But I've played through this so I know that I'm not scared by any means. Hopefully get this thing knocked out in two weeks and be right back at it."

Mets manager Terry Collins said he isn't sure whether the injury, and any impact it may have had on Wright's swing, is the reason that he's gotten off to a slow start this season.

Wright is hitting just .226 with six homers and 18 RBIs.

"It's almost second-guessing to say, geez, this is why his



New York Mets third baseman David Wright fields a ground ball hit by Houston Astros' Jason Michaels during the eighth inning of a baseball game Saturday, May 14, 2011, in Houston. Michaels was out at first on the play.

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swing has gotten a little long," Collins said. "I think the nagging injury of it all caused him to change some mechanical things, yes, but we had no reason to think he couldn't play with it."

Wright certainly wasn't about to blame the injury on his recent struggles.



Old-but-rested Mavs await rapidly maturing Thunder

By JAIME ARON AP Sports Writer

DALLAS – Kobe Bryant and Tim Duncan have been through so many playoff series, they would be good sources to discuss the prevailing themes in the Western Conference finals, like how valuable experience is at this stage and whether there's such thing as too much rest between rounds.

Only, Bryant and Duncan aren't around. For just the second time since 1998, neither the Lakers nor the Spurs will represent the West in the NBA finals.

Instead, it'll either be Dirk Nowitzki, Jason Kidd and the aging-but-rested Dallas Mavericks, or Kevin Durant, Russell Westbrook and the rapidly maturing Oklahoma City Thunder.

The Mavericks are a collection of 30-somethings bonded by a collective pursuit of their first championship. They have plenty of guys who've come close to a title, including a few holdovers from the 2006 team that interrupted the collection of conference titles piled up by the Spurs and Lakers.

With strong defense and so many scoring options they never know who'll share top billing with Nowitzki, Dallas swept the two-time defending champion Lakers in the second round. The reward was a nine-day wait for Game 1 on Tuesday night.

Or maybe that was a punishment.

"That's a looong layoff," Mavs center Tyson Chandler said Monday. "Yesterday, the scrimmage got a little chippy, so it was obvious we were ready to play somebody else." Dallas had to keep waiting

because the Thunder had its hands full with the Memphis Grizzlies.

Oklahoma City went the full seven games and then some, playing three overtimes in one game and one extra period in another. While most clubs would've wanted some down time, the Thunder might be the exception. With their age and exuberance, a lone day off between series may have felt like an eternity.

"We have a young, energetic, athletic team that loves to play and wants to play every night," coach Scott Brooks said. "We're excited about being in the position that we are in. We're not 'just happy to be here' and just 'whatever happens happens.""

Without the Lakers, and with the Eastern Conference finals featuring the newly crowned MVP and newly crowned Coach of the Year against the glitzy guys from South Beach, this series could be considered the undercard. Having clubs located 200 miles apart in the south, central part of the country certainly doesn't bode well for television ratings

Maybe Mavs owner Mark Cuban will break his recent self-imposed silence and take shots at Oklahoma. He's lived in Texas long enough to know the enmity between Longhorns and Sooners. It's worth noting he was one of two owners to vote against the SuperSonics moving from Seattle to Oklahoma City.

Then again, the battle of headliners Dirk and Durant could be enough to drive this series. If not, there are plenty of other good story lines.

• Age, experience vs. youth, inexperience

The contrast in age will be



Dallas Mavericks' Jason Terry, right, reacts with Jose Juan Barea as they head to the huddle against the Los Angeles Lakers during the first half of Game 4 of a second-round NBA playoff basketball series, Sunday, May 8, 2011, in Dallas.

Associated Press

talked about a lot and for good reason.

The top four scorers on the Thunder are 23 or younger. The Mavs only have two guys who are 23 or younger and neither has played this post-season.

Dallas relies on seven players in their 30s. Oklahoma City has only two guys in their 30s and both are backups.

Although no Mavericks have won a title, nearly all of them have deep reservoirs of biggame experience. The Thunder have few guys who've ever been this close to a title, but they have two guys with rings: center Kendrick Perkins (2008, Boston) and his backup, Nazr Mohammed ('05, Spurs).

"We've got to put them in position they haven't been in to be able to use that wisdom," Kidd said. "If you don't, they're just as talented as any team left in the playoffs."

• Rest vs. rust?

Before they were put on hiatus, the Mavs had won a franchise-record six straight postseason games. It remains to be seen whether they can pick up where they left off.

In the shot-clock era, teams that have gone at least nine

days between series are 9-9 in Game 1s, and 11-7 in the next round, according to research by STATS LLC.

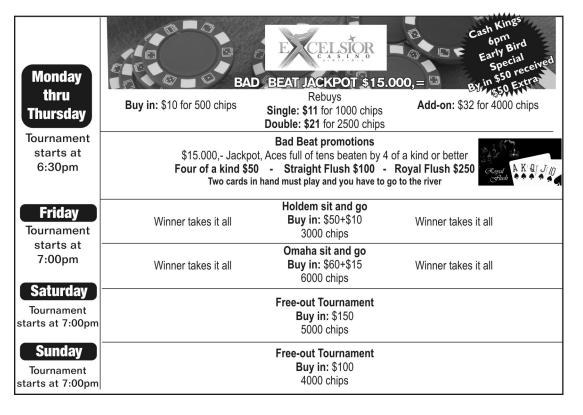
Among the teams to win Game 1 and the series was the 2004 Pacers, coached by Rick Carlisle, who is now Dallas' coach

"I like what we've done and I know guys are ready to play," he said.

Revenge

In February 2009, Chandler was driving to the airport, bound for Oklahoma City to join the Thunder, when his phone rang. He was told to head home.





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SPORTS BRIEFS

Swift wins opening stage

SACRAMENTO, California (AP) — Ben Swift of Britain emerged from a mass sprint finish to win the 76.7-mile, weather-shortened and rainy opening stage of the Tour of California.

Swift, 23, who competes for Team Sky, completed the road race from Nevada City to the state capital in 2 hours, 47 minutes and 12 seconds and earned his fifth win of the season.

Peter Sagan (Liquigas-Cannondale) of Slovakia was second, and Matthew Goss (HTC- Highroad) of Australia was third in the pack finish, about a bike length behind.

With 10 seconds of bonus time for his victory, Swift leads the overall competition by four seconds over Sagan. Goss is third, trailing by six seconds.

Originally scheduled as the second stage, the first day of competition in the seven-day race was reduced from 133.2 miles because of snowy conditions at high elevations near the planned start at Squaw



Ben Swift, center in black, of Great Britain celebrates after winning the second stage of the Tour of California cycling race in Sacramento, Calif., Monday, May 16, 2011.

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Valley.

The original opening stage from South Lake Tahoe to Northstar-at-Tahoe Resort was canceled Sunday because of snowy and wet road conditions.

The seven-day race continues Tuesday with a 121.9-mile road race from Auburn to Modesto.□

Tagliani posts fastest lap Indianapolis

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Canada's Alex Tagliani has posted the fastest lap this month at Indianapolis, going 225.878 mph in the final hour of Monday's practice.

New Zealand's Scott Dixon, the 2008 Indy 500 winner, was second at 225.124 mph. Graham Rahal, son of 1986 race winner Bobby Rahal, was next at 225.071. Rahal and Dixon both drive for Chip Ganassi. Australian Ryan Briscoe, of Team Penske, was fourth at 225.016 and Spaniard Oriol Servia rounded out the top five at 224.903.

Defending champ Dario Franchitti of Scotland, another Ganassi driver, was seventh at 224.406. Three-time Indy winner Helio Castroneves, Briscoe's teammate and a Brazilian, was eighth at 224.348. Practice is scheduled to resume Tuesday at noon. The race is May 29.

World gym body suspends 11 nations

LAUSANNE, Switzerland (AP) — The International Gymnastics Federation has suspended 11 countries for failing to pay money owed to the sport's ruling body.

The governing body says the 11 are Cyprus, Indonesia, Jamaica, Kazakhstan, Macau, Macedonia, Paraguay, Seychelles, Syria, Tajikistan, and Yemen. FIG rules bar the countries from organizing or competing in international events, and contacting other national federations. A total of 14 countries are now suspended from world gymnastics, including North Korea which falsified a gymnast's age.

Former head of NCAA football officials dies

INDIANAPOLIS – David Parry, who was the head of football officiating in the Big Ten for 19 years and the NCAA's first national coordinator of officials, died Monday from complications of Parkinson's disease. He was 76.

The NCAA announced Parry's death.

Parry was an on-field college football official for 20 years and worked in the NFL from 1975-1990. He was assigned to 14 NFL playoff games, including four conference championship games, and was the side judge for the 1983 Super Bowl.

He became coordinator of football officials for the Big Ten in 1990 and helped the league become the first in college football to use instant replay. "Dave was a leader in the game of football and had the unique ability and temperament to move seamlessly between officials and coaches both at the professional and collegiate levels, earning the respect of all," Big Ten

Commissioner Jim Delany said in a statement. "Dave was an educator at his core, and we will miss him terribly."

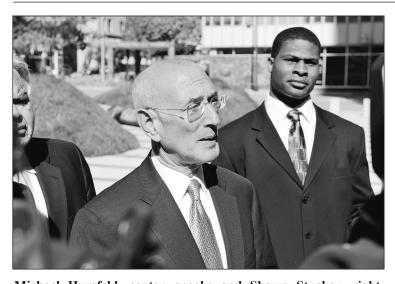
He left the Big Ten to become the first national coordinator of officials in 2008. He resigned that position in February.

"Dave's many contributions to college football and specifically officiating were significant," Dennis Poppe, NCAA vice president of Division I football and baseball, said. "The sport of college football has lost a great man."

Earlier in his career, Parry also officiated college basketball games in the Big Ten and Mid-American Conferences.

He graduated from Wabash College in Crawfordsville, Ind., in 1957 and is a member of the school's athletics hall of fame.

He lived in Michigan City, Ind., with his wife, Pat. ☐



Michael Hursfeld, center, speaks and Shawn Stuckey, right, listens, as the two attorneys for retired NFL football players, address the media outside the federal courthouse Monday, May 16, 2011 as court-ordered mediation between the players and the NFL resumed in Minneapolis.

Associated Press

Neither side would elaborate on the discussions but they planned to return Tuesday morning. "I think there's still time to (reach an agreement) and still have great competitive football that you all expect," Commissioner Roger Goodell told Buffalo Bills season ticket holders. "But time is running short. It's time to get back to the table and get those issues resolved."

NFLPA president Kevin Mawae told The Associated Press he was disappointed with the decision. "The ruling in granting the stay of the injunction means that the NFL owners can continue to not let football be played," he said.

The appellate court said it would make its decision quickly, a "circumstance that should minimize harm to the players during the offseason

and allow the case to be resolved well before the scheduled beginning of the 2011 season." ndeed, with training camps just two months away and the first preseason game set for Aug. 8, there is restlessness around the league to go with all the uncertainty.

"We'd like to make progress, but it'll be hard to do. We have to wait to see what happens June 3," Pittsburgh Steelers president Art Rooney II said earlier on his way into the federal courthouse.

The 8th Circuit's decision to keep the lockout in place is a likely signal of how the two sides will fare once the full appeal is heard.

The majority opinion, from Judges Steven Colloton and Duane Benton, sided with the NFL. Judge Kermit Bye again dissented in favor of the play-

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ers. "The district court reasoned that this case does not involve or grow out of a labor dispute because the players no longer are represented by a union," the majority wrote. "We have considerable doubt about this interpretation"

The 8th Circuit has been seen as a more conservative, business-friendly venue for the NFL than the federal courts in Minnesota. Colloton and Benton were both appointed by President George W. Bush, a Republican; Bye was appointed by President Clinton, a Democrat.

Bye dismissed the conclusions of his fellow judges, just as he did on April 29. And he didn't buy the NFL's argument that it would be unable to "unscramble the egg" — a reference to the chaos of handling player transactions with no CBA in place. "The preliminary injunction does not dictate the NFL's free agency rules, or any other conduct in general, outside of the lockout," he said. The majority, however, said that both sides will suffer "some degree of irreparable harm no matter how this court resolves the motion for a stay pending appeal," and then criticized Nelson sharply. "We do not agree, however, with the district court's apparent view that the balance of the equities tilts heavily in favor of the players," the majority wrote.

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RIM recalls 1,000 PlayBook tablet computers





An undated handout photo of a playroom in Google's Dublin offices. Google is campaigning to win hearts and minds across Europe as it confronts legal, regulatory and political challenges on issues including privacy, copyright disputes, antitrust actions (Google via The New York Times) and taxation.

Eric Pfanner © 2011 New York Times

PARIS - Chiseled into the stone facade of the vacant Second Empire building at 8, rue de Londres here is the name of the French national railroad, a former occupant. Most recently, the site housed another conservative pillar of the French corporate establishment, the insurer AXA. The proud new owner is a company with a very different image in France, more bomb-thrower than bourgeois: Google.

Google, the Internet giant, acquired the building, around the corner from the Saint-Lazare train station, for an estimated 150 million euros, or \$210 million, and Google employees are expected to move from their current nondescript Paris office by the end of the year.

The investment is part of a campaign by Google to win hearts and minds across Europe as it confronts legal, regulatory and political challenges on issues including privacy, copyright disputes, antitrust actions and taxation. The company is spending hundreds of millions of euros to try to demonstrate that it is a responsible corporate citizen and a valuable contributor to the local economy, not the willful opportunist it is often portrayed as in France.

Google executives said that their strategy had been formulated late in 2009, when they realized that their problems in Europe were more serious than in any other part of the world, with the exception of China, and could no longer be brushed aside with recitations of the company's slogan: "Don't be evil."

"We were hearing from people in government, the media, in our industry: 'You need to be more of a part of the culture writ large," said David C. Drummond, the chief legal officer at Google. "We took these criticisms to heart, and we've been working to defuse these issues.

"We're really trying to work with folks in Europe to establish ourselves as more of a local player that is investing in jobs, in facilities, our physical presence, and all the ancillary things that come with that," he added.

Drummond said he had adopted the role of Google's "chief diplomat" in Europe, meeting regularly with politicians, business leaders and regulators. Other top executives, including Eric E. Schmidt, the former chief executive and current executive chairman, and Larry Page, the co-founder and current chief executive, have jetted to Europe to make speeches and to dispense chunks of the company's \$36 billion in cash reserves.

Many of the investments seem to be tailored to align with issues of particular concern to local policy makers and populations. In Ireland, for example, where the bursting of a huge real estate bubble has left the economy in tatters, Google recently acquired, for 100 million euros, the tallest office building in Dublin, buying it from the government agency that is managing bad loans held by Irish banks.

RACHEL METZ **AP Technology Writer** SAN FRANCISCO (AP) —

BlackBerry smartphone maker Research In Motion Ltd. has recalled about 1,000 of its BlackBerry PlayBook tablet computers due to defective operating software that can make it impossible for users to set up the device.

The Waterloo, Ontario-based gadget maker said in a statement Monday that it learned that the affected tablets were shipped with software "that may result in the devices unable to properly load software upon initial set-up." Only PlayBooks with 16 gigabytes of memory were affected, RIM said, and the majority of them had not yet been sold to customers. RIM said it is working to replace the affected tablets. Customers that did end up with one that can't load the software correctly during setup can contact the company for help, RIM said. The issue was reported on Saturday by tech blog Engadget, which said the affected PlayBooks had been shipped to Staples Inc. stores. RIM did not comment on whether



This product image provided by Research In Motion, shows the new Playbook.

or not this was the case, and a Staples spokeswoman did not return a request for comment. The PlayBook — which costs \$499-\$699, depending on the amount of built-in storage space — received mixed reviews when it was released in April. The device marks RIM's first effort to branch out from its smartphone base and capture a portion of the tablet computer market. Ap-

ple Inc. popularized the tablet when it released its first iPad last year, and the device which was recently upgraded - has dominated that market ever since.

The recall is RIM's most recent bit of bad news. The gadget maker slashed its fiscal first-quarter forecast last month, saying it is selling fewer and cheaper smartphones than it anticipated.



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Microsoft's Bing leans more heavily on Facebook

By MICHAEL LIEDTKE AP Technology Writer

SAN FRANCISCO – Microsoft Corp.'s Bing search engine is increasing its emphasis on the recommendations shared within Facebook's online social network to give people something they can't find on Google's dominant search engine.

Starting Monday afternoon, Bing's search results will vary depending on whether the person making a request is logged into Facebook's online social network at the same time.

For example, Bing's standard ranking system might analyze a search request about the band "U2" and relegate a link pertaining to the music group to the fourth or fifth page of results if the query came from someone who wasn't logged into Facebook at the time. But that same link might appear at the top of Bing's first search page if the query were made by a logged-in Facebook user and a few friends in the requestor's social circle had pressed Facebook's "Like" button on the site.

Bing's revisions will also affect the rankings of some search results even when people aren't logged into Facebook. That's because Bing's formula also will consider how many times Facebook's more than 500 million members have pressed on a Web page's "Like" button to help determine the content's value and relevance

"Bing is bringing the collective IQ of the Web together with the opinions of the people you trust most, to bring the 'Friend Effect' to search," Microsoft search executive Yusuf Mehdi wrote in a Monday blog post.

Bing also is adding several other features and tools that deepen its ties to Facebook. Among other things, online shoppers using Microsoft's search engine will be able to post links about products and services directly to their Facebook accounts to get the opinions from their friends and family. Microsoft plans to deliver notices about discounted travel deals on people's Facebook pages, based on the cities they have said they liked.

The changes are the latest step in a search alliance Microsoft and Facebook announced seven months ago in a joint challenge to Google Inc. Both Microsoft and Facebook are trying to lure traffic away from Google, the Internet's most profitable company, so they can make more money selling Internet ads.

Google, whose search engine processes about two out of every three Internet search requests, also has been trying to add more personal touches as Web surfers have bonded together on Facebook and other websites such as Twitter where they share photos, recommendations and other insights.

But Facebook's online hangout has erected barriers that prevent Google's search engine from indexing all the information on a social network where an estimated 30 billion pieces of content are being shared each month.

Facebook's antipathy toward Google became clearer last week when it acknowledged that it had secretly hired a prominent public relations firm, Burson-Marsteller, to persuade reporters and bloggers to write stories about Google's privacy problems.

Nasdaq drops bid for NYSE on antitrust move

PALLAVI GOGOI **AP Business Writers**

NEW YORK - Nasdag and IntercontinentalExchange on Monday withdrew their joint \$11 billion bid for the parent of the New York Stock Exchange after the U.S. Department of Justice informed the companies that it would pursue a lawsuit to block the deal. "NYSE and Nasdaq are iconic...they are fierce competitors," said Christine Varney, Assistant Attorney General of the antitrust division of the Department of Justice, in a conference call. "If these two competitors had merged it would have effectively created a monopoly leading to higher prices, inferior service and less innovation."

The decision by the two exchanges to back off clears an obstacle to NYSE Euronext Inc.'s previous \$10 billion deal to combine with the German exchange operator Deutsche Boerse. The withdrawal of the competing bid



The Chinese flag is displayed on an electronic screen at Nasdaq, Wednesday, May 11, 2011 in New York. Jiayuan.com, China's largest dating website, celebrated its IPO at Nasdaq.

exchange will feel compelled to raise its lower bid. Shares of NYSE Euronext dropped \$5.16,

makes it unlikely that the German Shares of Nasdaq OMX Group Inc. also fell 68 cents to \$26.23, while Atlanta-based IntercontinentalExchange Inc. gained

Associated Press Varney pointed out that 100 percent of the top 500 companies based in the U.S. are listed in either NYSE or Nasdaq. The merg-

\$3.90, or 3.3 percent, to \$122.22. er would have substantially elimmost financial markets right now

> is what's going to happen with the debt ceiling and government borrowing and spending," said Tim Courtney, the chief investment officer at Burns Advisory The Dow Jones industrial aver-

> age lost 47.38 points, or 0.4 percent, to close at 12,548.37. The Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 8.30 points, or 0.6 percent, to 1,329.47. The Nasdag fell 46.16, or 1.6 percent, to 2,782.31.

Commodity prices were mostly lower. Oil prices fell \$2.28 to settle at \$97.37 a barrel Monday Congressional lawmakers in a as worries eased that Mississippi letter Monday that the agency is River flooding could disrupt re-

vices and other data products. Though Nasdaq and NYSE are the two largest stock markets in the U.S., both have been under immense pressure to find a merger partner. That's because technology has driven down the cost of trading to almost nothing. Newer, smaller and more high-tech companies such as the BATS Exchange and Direct Edge have emerged to give investors the opportunity to find the best price for a security in milliseconds. That has taken business away from both NYSE and Nasdag. Moreover, stocks are a smaller

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part of the trading business. Exchanges are making more of their money from options and the complex investments known as derivatives. In response, the world's major exchanges have been combining with one another. In February, the London Stock Exchange and the parent company of the Toronto Stock Exchange announced a \$2.9 billion merger, and the Singapore Exchange and Australia's ASX revised its own \$8.3 billion merger plan. Nasdag OMX CEO Bob Greifeld said in a statement Monday that the companies had offered a variety of "substantial remedies" to try to secure regulatory approval, including the sale of the NYSE Self-Regulatory Organization

of the uncertainty, at least as it relates to our joint proposal, has been resolved," he said. NYSE Euronext's board had twice rejected the Nasdaq and ICE bid in favor of the Deutsche Boerse offer despite the lower price.

Oil drops below \$98; pump prices fall over weekend



This image provided by the Presidency Office shows Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, attending an interview with staterun TV at the presidency in Tehran, Iran, Sunday, May 15, 2011.

By SANDY SHORE AP Business Writer

Oil prices dropped Monday, a good sign for drivers who are finally seeing a little relief at the gas pump.

The average price for a gallon of regular fell 3 cents over the week to \$3.955 nationally. That's still nearly 14 cents more than it was a month ago, according to AAA, Wright Express and the Oil Price Information Service.

Oil futures settled down 2.3

tention to weakening demand for gasoline in the U.S. Both contracts had gained slightly last week amid concerns that Mississippi River flooding could disrupt refineries and supplies in the Gulf region.

Oil is now down about 15 percent in May, while gasoline futures are about 14 percent lower. Those declines haven't yet reached the nation's gas stations, though Analysts say prices could fall as much as a quarter or more by Memorial percent and gasoline futures Day. That will help drivers as noted that consumer dedropped 4.7 percent Monday summer driving season nears, mand has fallen because of as investors returned their at- although they'll still pay more high pump prices.

for gas than a year ago. For now, motorists in about two dozen states are paying above the national average. In 13 states the pump price tops \$4 a gallon. Oil prices soared about 35

percent from mid-February through the end of April on fears that supplies could be disrupted by uprisings in the Middle East and North Africa. Those fears have begun to abate as supplies continue to flow from the oil-rich region. Traders also are more optimistic that any disruption at Gulf Coast refineries from flooding will be minimal. The Army Corps of Engineers opened two gates at the Morganza spillway to divert water away from Baton Rouge, La., and New Orleans and from refineries along the Mississippi's lower reaches.

The more prominent concern for the market is flagging demand for gasoline. Jim Ritterbusch, president of energy consultancy Ritterbusch and Associates,

Customer satisfaction with carriers AT&T, T-Mobile drops

By PETER SVENSSON AP Technology Writer

NEW YORK – Sprint Nextel Corp., once dead last in customer satisfaction among the Big 4 national wireless carriers, now has the happiest subscribers, along with long-time leader Verizon Wireless, according to a survey released

The American Customer Satisfaction Index also shows tentative declines in customer satisfaction at the other two big carriers, AT&T Inc. and T-Mobile USA. That comes as AT&T has agreed to buy T-Mobile USA for \$39 billion in a deal that could close next year.

The acquisition could make AT&T and T-Mobile customers even less happy. Claes Fornell, professor of Business Administration at the University of Michigan and the designer of the ACSI survey, said it is common to find that customer satisfaction drops after a merger.

combine billing systems, customer support and last year.

other functions. Snags can frustrate consumers. One reason Sprint had the worst score in the industry for many years was its disastrous merger with Nextel in 2005.

Sprint and Verizon Wireless both rate a 72 for customer satisfaction in the ACSI survey, which polled 8,000 households in the first quarter. For Sprint, that's a big jump from a score of 56 three years ago, while Verizon's score has been steady. Sprint CEO Dan Hesse has made improvements in customer service a centerpiece of his turnaround plan for the troubled company.

Sprint's score includes subsidiaries Boost Mobile and Virgin Mobile, which sell plans without two-year contracts.

ACSI gave AT&T a score of 66, down from 69 last year. It's the company's worst score since 2006, the year before it started carrying the iPhone. It's the lowest-ranked of the four na-Cellphone-company mergers bring struggles to tional carriers after being surpassed by Sprint

or 12.6 percent, to \$35.73.



Specialist Mark Otto, left, works his post on the trading floor of the New York Stock Exchange short time after the beginning of trading Monday, May 16, 2011.

Associated Press

MATTHEW CRAFT **AP Business Writer**

NEW YORK – Technology company troubles and renewed concerns about Europe's debt dragged stocks lower for a second day. European finance ministers approved \$110 billion in rescue loans to Portugal on Monday, but have yet to decide on a second rescue package for Greece.

The arrest of the head of the International Monetary Fund is expected to make solving Greece's problems more difficult. The official, Dominique Strauss-Kahn, had been heavily involved in trying to fix the debt crises in Portugal and Greece. He is being held in New York City. Technology companies sustained

the largest losses in Monday trading. Yahoo! Inc. and Amazon. com Inc. fell by more than 4 percent. Yahoo is in a dispute with Alibaba Group Holding Ltd. over Group in Oklahoma City. its online payment business. Yahoo owns a 40 percent stake in the company, which transferred its online payment business to another company without consulting Yahoo. Investors are growing increasingly concerned over the prospect of an unprecedented U.S. default on its debt. Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner told without bail on charges of sexu- taking steps to postpone a default. fineries and slow demand.

and its related businesses. "While we are surprised and disappointed in the antitrust division's conclusion, some

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Pitt's drama for Malick has Cannes crowd divided

By DAVID GERMAIN, AP Movie Writer

CANNES, France (AP) — Terrence Malick lived up to both his public and professional reputation Monday at the Cannes Film Festival, remaining out of sight while premiering a film that left crowds buzzing over its thematic scope, emotional depth and visual grandeur.

The notoriously press-shy Malick was nowhere to be seen after "The Tree of Life," the writer-director's long-awaited epic drama of creation and one family's place in it, screened for critics and reporters ahead of its official festival premiere. The film starring Brad Pitt, Sean Penn and Jessica Chastain drew a scattering of harsh, prolonged boos, answered by enthusiastic applause from others at the press screening. Debuting in U.S. theaters May

27, "The Tree of Life" is only Malick's fifth film in a nearly 40-year career, and his first at Cannes since 1979's "Days of Heaven," which earned him the festival's directing prize. Malick has stayed behind the scenes for his subsequent films, 1998's "The Thin Red Line" and 2005's "The New World," and he skipped the

producers to face reporters.
"Mr. Malick is very shy, and I would say that I believe his work speaks for itself," producer Sarah Green said.

Cannes press conference that

followed Monday's screening,

leaving Pitt, Chastain and his

Pitt compared Malick's attitude toward publicizing a film to building a house.

"I don't know why it's accepted that people who make things in our business are then expected to sell them, and I don't think that computes with him," said Pitt, also a producer on the film. "He wants to focus on the making of it, not the real estate, selling the real estate. It is an odd thing for an artist to start something and then be salesman."

Penn, who had been traveling to Cannes from Haiti, missed the press conference but was on hand for the film's evening premiere.

"Terry Malick is a visionary," Penn, who also costarred in "The Thin Red Line," said before heading into the premiere. "A quite extraordinary individual."

Pitt was joined on the red carpet before the premiere by romantic partner Angelina Jolie. Jolie and Pitt signed autographs and shook hands with the festival's celebrity watchers, who cheered and shouted as the two stars strutted the red carpet.



Actors Angelina Jolie, left, and Brad Pitt arrive for the screening of The Tree of Life at the 64th international film festival, in Cannes, southern France, Monday, May 16, 2011.

(AP Photo/Lionel Cironneau)

In other Cannes news:

Film stars, models share Cannes charity catwalk

By JENNY BARCHFIELD, Associated Press

CANNES, France (AP) — Fashion rolled out the red carpet for charity in Cannes on Monday, with a star-benefit a benefit runway show that saw A-listers including Naomi Campbell, Jane Fonda, Rosario Dawson and tennis man Novak Djokovic strut their stuff for a good cause.

Campbell's Fashion for Relief charity organized the show

and an auction that followed to raise money for the Japanese Red Cross to aid victims of the recent earthquake and tsunami there. Scores of celebrities, in town for the Cannes Film Festival, turned out to support Monday's event, while a small army of models donated their time, walking in red carpetready looks from Lanvin, Jean Paul Gaultier, Sonia Rykiel, Valentino and a host of other top labels.

From her front-row perch, Ivana Trump hailed the decision to hold the show in Cannes during the 12-daylong film festival here as "a brilliant choice. "All the rich people are in town for the festival, people in movies and in fashion, so they can reach into their pockets and give money to help," said Trump, looking elegant in a black minidress with a bedazzled dipping neckline.



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Amber Heard as Maureen for the television show "The Playboy Club," on NBC, in an undated handout photo. All of the major networks are trying to come up with hit shows to stave off competition for viewers' attention from cable channels and the Internet.

(John Russo/NBC via The New York Times)

After weak season

Networks strive for fresher ideas

Bill Carter and Brian Stelter © 2011 New York Times

Acknowledging that the crop of new television programs last year was almost a complete washout, the networks are spending big this year to promise, if not genuine excitement, at least something different.

Some of the new series to be unveiled to advertisers in New York this week feature specialeffects dinosaurs, an original musical, some period pieces and at least two importations of characters from Grimm's Fairy Tales. The networks, conceding that last year's shows generated yawns among many viewers, are hoping to reap a windfall of advance commitments. financial Advertisers are prepared to increase significantly, perhaps by more than 10 percent, their spending on the networks' fall season shows. And the programmers are looking to send the message that they recognize they have to find something other than a new round of police procedurals

and sitcoms.

"We were looking for fresh," said Bob Greenblatt, the new president of NBC Entertainment. "I really want people to see the concept for a show and go: 'Oh wow. What's that?""

Greenblatt joined NBC from Showtime, a channel known, like many in cable, for more groundbreaking ideas for series. In the case of Showtime those included "Dexter" and "Weeds."

"This doesn't mean I want to put serial killers or potselling soccer moms on the air," Greenblatt said. "But I do believe a little bit of bold, attention-getting ideas need to get to broadcast television. I think the audience that found cable to be really irresistible also believes it."

Paul Lee, the new president of ABC Entertainment, echoed that point, saying the lesson of last season was that the networks had to begin offering fresher ideas, or continue to have viewers drift off to cable channels.



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Jerry Lewis retiring from MDA telethon

LAS VEGAS (AP) — After 45 years, Jerry Lewis is retiring as host of the Muscular Dystrophy Association's Labor Day telethon. The 85-year-old comedian and Las Vegas resident issued a statement Monday through the Tucson, Ariz.-based Muscular Dystrophy Association calling it time for a "new telethon era."

He says he'll make his final appearance on the six-hour primetime telethon Sept. 4 by performing his song "You'll Never Walk Alone." Lewis says he'll continue as the association's national chairman, a role he's held since the early 1950s. Lewis' first Labor Day weekend telethon in 1966 was broadcast by a single New York City television station and raised more than \$1 million.

'Dougie' rapper M-Bone dies in California drive-by

INGLEWOOD, California (AP) — M-Bone of the rap group Cali Swag District, which scored a hit last year with the song "Teach Me How to Dougie," was killed in a weekend drive-by shooting as he sat in a car outside a liquor store, police said Monday. The motive for Sunday night's shooting was under investigation, Lt. James Madia said. The 22-year-old rapper from outside Los Angeles, whose real name is Mante Ray Talbert, was sitting alone in his car shortly after 10:30 p.m. local time. "Another car pulled alongside, gunshots were fired, and the victim was struck twice in the head," Madia said. Talbert died at a hospital. Witnesses gave varying descriptions of the fleeing car, Madia said. Talbert was "the victim of a random act of violence," said a statement from Cali Swag District's publicist, Greg Miller. Cali Swag District's hit was based on the "Dougie" dance, which first appeared in Texas. Dancers lean and move their arms and shoulders smoothly. The dance has been performed by celebrities such as CNN anchor Wolf Blitzer and Washington Wizards basketball star John Wall.

'Spider-Man' musical posts respectable numbers

NEW YORK (AP) — The retooled "Spider-Man" musical is still managing to spin its web at the box office. According to data released Monday by The Broadway League, "Spider-Man: Turn Off the Dark" pulled in a very respectable \$809,000 over five preview performances last week and was at 95 percent capacity.

The show restarted Thursday after a three-week hiatus following the firing of Julie Taymor as director and with rejiggered music and a smoothed-out script. The average paid admission was \$88.52. The show, with songs by U2's Bono and The Edge, managed to beat many other musicals, including "Mamma Mia!" "Rock of Ages," "The Addams Family," "Catch Me If You Can," "Chicago," "Baby It's You!" and "Anything Goes."

'Thor' hammers competition at box office

By The Associated Press The Associated Press

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"Thor" stole the thunder from "Bridesmaids" by securing the No. 1 spot at the box office with \$34.7 million.

The final figure Monday for Paramount's 3-D superhero film starring Chris Hemsworth as Marvel's god of thunder is slightly up from the original studio estimate of \$34.5 million over the weekend. Universal's "Bridesmaids," which features Kristen Wiig as a down-on-her-luck maid of honor, was also above Sunday's \$24.4 million estimate to \$26.2 million.

The top 5 movies at U.S. and Canadian theaters Friday through Sunday, followed by distribution studio, gross,



Chris Hemsworth portrays the title character in a scene from the film, "Thor." "Thor" stole the thunder from "Bridesmaids" by securing the No. 1 spot at the box office with \$34.7 million.

(AP Photo/Paramount-Marvel)

number of theater locations, average receipts per location, total gross and number of weeks in release, as compiled Monday by Hollywood. com are: 1. "Thor," Paramount, \$34,703,035, 3,963 locations, \$8,757 average, \$119,455,352, two weeks. 2. "Bridesmaids," Universal, \$26,247,410, 2,918 locations, \$8,995 average, \$26,247,410, one week. 3. "Fast Five," Universal, \$20,444,270, 3,793 locations, \$5,390 average, \$169,690,470, three weeks. 4. "Priest," Sony, \$14,953,664, 2,864 locations, \$5,221 average, \$14,953,664, one week. 5.

"Rio," Fox, \$8,275,058, 2,929 locations, \$2,825 average, \$125,243,198, five weeks.

Denzel Washington receives honorary degree

By KATHY MATHESON, Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA – Denzel Washington confessed to a bit of stage fright in his latest role: Commencement speaker at the University of Pennsylvania.

Addressing about 5,000 graduates at the Ivy League school in Philadelphia on Monday, the Oscar- and Tony-winning actor said the academic ceremony was "a little overwhelming and out of my comfort zone."

And that was his reason for accepting the invitation to speak, he said.

"I had to come exactly because I might make a fool of myself," said Washington. "I've found that nothing in life is worthwhile unless you take risks. Nothing."

The 56-year-old star of "Malcolm X" and "Philadelphia" delivered a humorous speech with a sobering truth: Failure

is inevitable.

Yet instead of having something to fall back on, he said, graduates should "fall forward" — learn from their mistakes and keep going.

Thomas Edison had countless failed experiments before succeeding with the light bulb, he ooid

"Do you have the guts to fail?" Washington said. "If you don't fail, you're not even trying."

One of his earliest failures was as a pre-med student at Fordham University in New York, he said.

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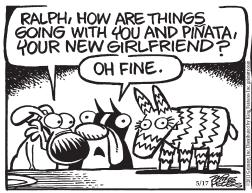
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Many species in Europe faces extinction: El

By DON MELVIN, **Associated Press**

BRUSSELS – The Iberian lynx that prowls the grasslands of southern Spain. The Mediterranean monk seal swimming

waters off Greece and Turkey. The Bavarian pine vole that forages in the high meadows of the Alps.

These are among hundreds of European animal species native to the continent — that are threatened with extinction according to a warning issued this month by the European Union. "Biodiversity is in crisis, with species extinctions running at unparalleled rates," said a statement from the European Union's Environment Commissioner, Janez Potocnik. The threatened species include mammals, amphibians, reptiles, birds and butterflies. Plant life is under threat as well. The crisis is due to several factors, including loss change and overfishing.

Critics say the EU's proposed solutions don't go far enough and lack funding.

"Life is possible because of biodiversity," said Ana Nieto, with the International Union for Conservation of Nature. "Everything comes from biodiversity. Everything comes from having well-functioning ecosystems.'

The crisis threatens humans as well, potentially wreaking economic and social havoc in Europe, said Potocnik spokesman Joe Hennon.

— up to a quarter of the total cies encroachment, climate The continuing loss of birds can allow insects to breed at alarming rates, harming crops, Hennon said.

> A reduced number of bees inhibits plant pollination. Diminishing forests mean water is not cleaned naturally and the soil is loosened, too, making floods and mud slides more likely.

> All of that, Hennon said, means governments should spend money preserving species from extinction.

"People say, 'Yes, but we don't have the money to spend on environmental protection.



LONDON (AP) — Famed theoretical physicist Stephen Hawking finds no room for heaven in his vision of the cosmos

In an interview published Monday in The Guardian newspaper, the 69-year-old says the human brain is a like a computer that will stop working when its components

He says: "There is no heaven or afterlife for broken-down computers; that is a fairy story for people afraid of the dark." In "Grand Design," a book



Stephen Hawking

published last year, Hawking had declared that it was "not necessary to invoke God ... to get the universe going."

Melatonin makes a comeback. leaving experts unrelaxed

By CATHERINE SAINT LOUIS,

of habitat, pollution, alien spe-

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Remember melatonin? In the 1990s, this over-the-counter dietary supplement was all the rage among frequent fliers, promoted as the miracle cure for jet lag. Now it is back in

vogue, this time as a prominent ingredient in at least a half-dozen baked goods that flagrantly mimic the soothing effects of hash brownies – and do so legally. At least for now. With names like Lazy Cakes, Kush Cakes and Lulla Pies. these products are sold online and at stores like 7-Eleven. Walgreens and smoke shops. Although the Food and Drug Administration has not approved melatonin as a food additive or deemed it safe, the dessert makers are marketing their products as a harmless way to promote relaxation. And the snacks are increasingly being endorsed by fans on Facebook and Twitter as an antidote to stress and sleep deprivation.

Gabby Bevel, 22, a writer from Norman, Okla., and an insomniac who took Ambien and Lunesta in high school, said in an interview that she slept 13 hours after eating one Lazy Cakes snack recently. "I don't like the idea of needing something unnatural to help me with anything," she said. "Really, I think part of the appeal is it does come in a brownie."

"It's making it much more difficult for the consumer to recognize that they are taking a drug," said Dr. Charles A. Czeisler, the chief of the division of sleep medicine at Harvard's Brigham and Women's Hospital.









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Colombia:

Presidente Santos lanza mensaje conciliador a ex presidente Uribe

COLOMBIA (AP) - El presidente Juan Manuel Santos aseguró el lunes que admira a su antecesor Alvaro Uribe, con la aparente intención de apaciguar el debate en torno a una ley de víctimas del conflicto armado interno.

"Por el presidente Alvaro Uribe sólo tengo sentimientos de gratitud, admiración y respeto", dijo Santos el lunes en un mensaje en su cuenta de Twitter y divulgado en la página de internet de la Presidencia.

El sábado, Santos ratificó que Colombia vive un "conflicto armado interno" y catalogarlo como tal en el proyecto de la lev de víctimas no significa otorgarle a los grupos guerrilleros, como las Fuerzas Armadas Revolucionarias de Colombia (FARC), un "estatus de beligerancia" que permitiría a la insurgencia recibir donaciones o tener oficinas legales con representantes dentro y fuera del país.

Uribe se opone a la inclusión de esa frase sobre el conflicto interno al asegurar que grupos



Foto de archivo del presidente de Colombia, Juan Manuel Santos. Photo AP

como las FARC son "terroristas" con los cuales no se puede negociar.

Santos asumió la Presidencia en agosto tras una aplastante victoria, con nueve millones de votos, y el respaldo de la coalición oficial del gobierno de Uribe (2002-2010), que

actualmente domina el Con-

Santos, quien fue ministro de Defensa de Uribe, retiene el control de las bancadas oficialistas, pero han surgido desavenencias con sectores más afines al "uribismo" que ponen en duda si el proyecto de ley de víctimas, presentado a fines del 2010, será aprobado en el Senado a fines de este mes o inicios de junio.

Iniciativas de ley que indemnizan con dinero a víctimas de la violencia política y devuelven terrenos despojados o abandonados por sus legíti-

mos dueños por la acción de grupos armados ilegales, entre otras, son debatidos por el Congreso desde hace más de dos años.

En un discurso en Bogotá, Santos denominó el proyecto de ley de víctimas como "una de las leyes bandera de este gobierno". La ley "tiene como uno de esos propósitos olvidar el odio, olvidar los rencores, sanar heridas y mirar hacia adelante", dijo Santos a líderes de grupos comunales.

"Reparar a las víctimas de la violencia y restituirle la tierra a los campesinos que fueron desplazados por la violencia, eso es olvidar el odio y el mal y unirnos como sociedad para cosechar y obtener un mejor futuro", añadió, según una nota divulgada por la casa de gobierno.

El más reciente proyecto, el que Santos presentó en septiembre, ya superó tres de las cuatro votaciones legislativas que requieren las normas aquí y sólo falta una más en el Senado, de 102 miembros, la mayoría del oficialismo.

Taiwán busca diversificar sus exportaciones a Dominicana

REPUBLICA DOMINICANA (AP) - Empresarios taiwaneses exploran la diversificación del comercio con República Dominicana, que con una escasa oferta de productos ya se ha incrementado 79% en la última década, informó el martes el embajador taiwanés Isaac Tsai.

A Santo Domingo asistieron empresarios de ambos países de los sectores telecomunicaciones, transporte, financieros, eléctrico, de instrumentos musicales, de equipos médicos y de las industrias textil y del calzado, indicó el diplomático.

Según cifras del Centro de Exportaciones e Inversiones de República Dominicana (CEI-RD), las ventas de productos dominicanos en Taiwán, especialmente desechos de metales y papel, ascendieron en 2010 a 44,2 millones de dólares.

Las importaciones desde Taiwán en cambio se han incrementado a una tasa anual de 4,43% y llegaron en 2010 a 97,8 millones de dólares, de forma especial por la compra de vehículos, motocicletas y motores.

La embajada taiwanesa y el CEI-RD no difundieron si en el encuentro se firmaron nuevos contratos comercia-

Tsai destacó que por su ubicación geográfica en el Caribe y como miembro de varios bloques comerciales, República Dominicana es un puente importante para las exportaciones taiwanesas hacia el Caribe. En el último año, República Dominicana y Taiwán han suscrito tres acuerdos para promover el comercio y alianzas de negocios. Tsai recordó que las inversiones directas de las 82 empresas taiwaneses instaladas en República Dominicana ascienden a unos 110 millones de

República Dominicana es uno de los 12 países latinoamericanos que mantiene relaciones diplomáticas con Taiwán y, aunque sus exportaciones hacia esa isla aún son escasas, crecieron a una tasa anual de 78% durante la última década.

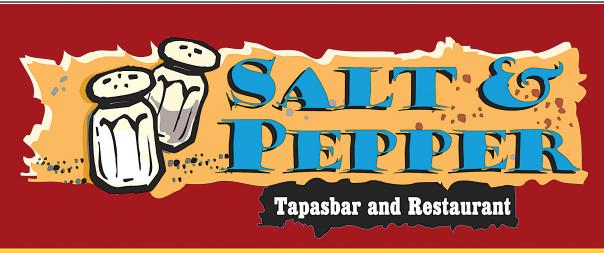
EEUU debe extraditar a anticastrista

no ve impedimento para que Estados Unidos extradite al anticastrista Luis Posada Carriles pues la justicia norteamericana ya terminó un proceso judicial que se le seguía por lo que ahora procedería enviarlo a Caracas para que enfrente la justicia. La presidenta del Tribunal Supremo de Justicia de Venezuela, Luisa Estella Morales, de visita en la capital cubana, expresó que el gobierno de Estados Unidos alegaba que el juicio migratorio que Posada Carriles enfrentaba impedía entregarlo para cumplir con el pedido de extradición. "Hace muy poco tiempo fue exculpado de esos señalamientos, delitos en territorio norteamericano, lo que significa que de acuerdo a los tratados internacionales al no tener ninguna pena pendiente ni ningun proceso, cobra fuerza nuestra solicitud de extradición". manifestó Morales. Morales y otros magistrados del alto tribunal venezolano llegaron a Cuba para un intercambio con sus contrapartes y estarán en esta capital hasta el miércoles. El tema de Posada Carriles formará parte de la conversaciones que sostendrán, reconoció la funcionaria.

VENEZUELA (AP) - Venezuela La vocera de la Oficina de Intereses de Estados Unidos en esta capital, Gloria Berbena, indicó a la AP que su gobierno había informado al de Venezuela que la petición realizada no estaba lo suficientemente justificada y Caracas no ofrecía las garantías necesarias para lograr el envío de Posada Carriles. Ex agente de la CIA y militante anticastrista, Posada Carriles nació en Cuba pero es ciudadano venezolano y se escapó de una cárcel en la nación sudamericana donde estaba siendo enjuiciado por su participación en la voladura de un avión civil de la línea Cubana en 1976. Posteriormente vivió en Centroamérica y fue encarcelado en Panamá por un intento de magnicidio contra el ex presidente Fidel Castro. Luego de una amnistía presidencial salió en libertad y entró en 2005 a Estados Unidos pero se lo acusó de haber mentido a un tribunal migratorio, una causa que concluyó con la absolución el mes pasado. Posada Carriles fue vinculado como autor intelectual y financista de varios atentados con bombas en centros turísticos en Cuba en 1997, uno de los cuales mató al turista italiano Fabio Di Celmo e hirió a doce personas.

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